



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS
Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

March 6, 2024

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners
FROM: John Windley, Mayor
REF: Mayor's Agenda

1. Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Thomas M. Lee, Sr. (Attached MA-1)

It is with greatest sadness that our Board must note the passing of Assistant Fire Chief Thomas "Tommy" M. Lee, Sr. Having a true servant's heart, Chief Lee made a positive difference in our community for over 50 years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Brenda and their family.

I will entertain a motion to adopt the attached *Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Thomas M. Lee, Sr.*



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But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

WHEREAS, Thomas M. Lee, Sr. began his service to the Kill Devil Hills community as a volunteer firefighter in 1973; with promotions to Captain in 1981, and Assistant Chief in 1994; and

WHEREAS, he repeatedly received numerous commendations and honors for his service, including Firefighter of the Year, Chief’s Award, and the Mayor’s Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, he diligently served as an active member of the Kill Devil Hills Volunteer Fire Department for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, with no fanfare, he stood as the human embodiment of the Wright Monument for over half a century, sturdy as granite, immovable and solid, blasted by the elements, yet continually serving as a cornerstone of leadership, support, and purpose for the generations of firefighters with whom he served; a beacon and role model for future firefighters ; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kill Devil Hills and its citizens, residents, and visitors owe Assistant Chief Tommy Lee a debt that can never be repaid, as he was a public servant in the purest form, always in service to his fellow man, willingly entering where most dare not tread; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Kill Devil Hills honors Assistant Chief Thomas M. Lee, Sr., his service, and his family, with the knowledge that the heavens are safer this evening because of his arrival.

This 6th day of March, 2024.

SEAL

John Windley
Mayor

ATTEST:

James Michael O’Dell
Town Clerk