

RESOLUTION 90-06

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF
ELIZABETH CRAIG PROCTOR
COMMISSIONER - 1982-1990,
CITY OF BELLE MEADE;
MAYOR - 1982-1986

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade, in meeting duly assembled, recognizing the completion of elected service to the City of a distinguished citizen, held in great respect and esteem by all of its people, on their behalf has determined to record in the minutes of this meeting, and the permanent records of the City, the following:

Elizabeth Craig Proctor was born in Nashville, Tennessee, daughter of Edwin W. Craig and Elizabeth Wade Craig, themselves native Tennesseans and representatives of prominent families of the area; she received her formal education in the schools of Davidson County, public and private, and her advanced education at colleges in the New England states.

Married in 1940 to William Cheatham Weaver, Jr., also descended from prominent families in middle Tennessee, she participated in and encouraged the rise of her handsome, energetic, and splendidly endowed spouse to positions of high authority in business and civic affairs in their native county for a number of years.

Widowed in 1979, but encouraged by the presence and support of an adult son and daughter, both successors to the talents, energy and capabilities of their parents, Elizabeth Craig Weaver transferred some of her interest and concerns from matters horticultural and educational to areas of local government and public affairs. She formed and led a group of citizens of her home city, Belle Meade, urging them to stand fast for the literal interpretation and application of zoning laws and related provisions, which she perceived to have been the principal purpose of the founders of the City of Belle Meade upon its establishment in October of 1938, by public vote.

Appointed to fill the un-expired term of Marion G. Smith as Commissioner of the City upon his resignation because of illness in 1981, she campaigned

for a four-year term and installed as Commissioner in December of 1982. Upon the reorganization of the Board of Commissioners the same month, she was elected Mayor. Soon thereafter she married David Y. Proctor, Jr., her longtime friend, also recently widowed. He has provided loyal support and encouragement to her in the conduct of her demanding office.

Elizabeth Craig Proctor, as Mayor of Belle Meade, recognized the increasing interest and concern of its citizens in sharing a larger participation in the decisions to be made in the conduct of the City's affairs. She sought and enlisted the support of many talented residents, not only by appointing them as members of the long-existing boards and commissions provided by Tennessee law, but also in the creation of advisory committees, to lend expertise and management skills to the many important areas of activity in which the City's government required qualified persons.

The City, having in place an augmented water supply for domestic use and suppression of fire, also was served by the recent installation of a novel form of sewerage collection and disposal, the accomplishment of a previous administration.

Building upon these self-funded public utilities, and a solid base of high-valued residential property, owned by capable and affluent citizens, zealous for the continuing improvement and beautification of Belle Meade, its streets and boulevards and parks, and its public buildings and neighborhoods, Elizabeth Craig Proctor has completed eight years of energetic, devoted, and enlightened service as Commissioner and Mayor, with a distinguished record of civic achievement; not the least of her innovations was the involvement of a very large proportion of its citizens in the conduct of its affairs which resulted in maintaining the aesthetics and way of life for which the City was founded. Further, she has enhanced the sound financial basis of the City and educated the citizens in the operation of their Government. Mature, but continuing energetic, and forward-looking, Elizabeth Craig Proctor has earned and holds the respect, affection and warm esteem of all Belle Meade citizens for whom the Board of Commissioners speak.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade, that these words of recognition and praise for the

splendid accomplishment of Elizabeth Craig Proctor, Mayor, commissioner, and continuing concerned citizen of the City of Belle Meade, be adopted and spread upon the official records of the City, and a copy of them, suitably illuminated and certified, with the Great Seal of the City affixed, be delivered to Elizabeth Craig Proctor as a lasting symbol of appreciation.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, this 12th day of December, 1990.



Mayor T. Scott Fillebrown



City Recorder Joan B. Coode