

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 15-207

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING GEORGE and GLADYS BOWDEN

Councilman Zipprich offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, long time Red Bank residents George and Gladys Bowden have given tirelessly as dedicated volunteers to their community; and

WHEREAS, George Bowden has dedicated himself to the preservation of Red Bank's history and of its historic buildings by serving as member of Preservation Red Bank for close to fifty years, was the founding member and Chairman of the Borough's Historic Preservation Commission and has worked to ensure the preservation of several historic structures including the Charter School/Century House, former home of abolitionist William Conover, the Red Bank Train Station and African-American author, editor and publisher T. Thomas Fortune's Red Bank home which is a national historic landmark and is also listed on the State's Registry of Historic Places and the Borough's historic inventory; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowden also served as a member of the Red Bank Borough Centennial parade committee and coordinated the decoration of the commercial district with bunting and patriotic decorations to help further celebrate the Borough's 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowden also worked to ensure the creation of the Washington Street Historic District and was honored along with the Historic Preservation Commission, with a 2009 Monmouth County Planning Merit Award, in recognition of that effort; and

WHEREAS, Gladys Bowden has also been a dedicated volunteer to her community serving as a member of the Navesink Garden Club and working to ensure that those property owners that made the extra effort were recognized through the Club's Random Sightings of Beauty award program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowden also served as a member of the Borough's Human Relations Advisory Committee which is dedicated to fostering an atmosphere of understanding and acceptance and, through her membership, demonstrated her compassion for her fellow citizens and her commitment to her community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Bowden have offered friendship and dedication to the Borough of Red Bank and its residents and their generous spirit of volunteerism will be missed by everyone that had the pleasure to know them as they seek a much deserved rest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Red Bank to commend and congratulate George and Gladys Bowden for their loyalty and dedication to the Borough of Red Bank and express our deepest thanks and warmest best wishes on behalf of all of the Borough of Red Bank and wish them continued health and happiness in the years to come.

Seconded by Councilman DuPont and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vacant	()	()	()	()
Councilwoman Burnham	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Horgan	(x)	()	()	()
Councilwoman Schwabenbauer	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman Zipprich	(x)	()	()	()
Councilman DuPont	(x)	()	()	()

Dated: August 12, 2015