



SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE

Spartanburg School District Three School Board Resolution for the Original Benjamin E. Mays Consolidated School

WHEREAS, During a recent review of the history of our District, the Spartanburg School District Three Board discovered very little researchable documentation to support the history of the original Benjamin E. Mays Consolidated School located in Pacolet, South Carolina.

WHEREAS, In 1953, Spartanburg School District Three constructed two new African American schools: Ralph J. Bunche Elementary School and the Benjamin E. Mays Consolidated School.

WHEREAS, The Benjamin E. Mays Consolidated School served first through twelfth grade students from 1953 until its closing in 1970.

WHEREAS, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays (1894-1984) was a leader in Christian ministry and American Education. He is well known for his outstanding leadership and service as a teacher, preacher, mentor, scholar, author, and Civil Rights Activist.

THEREFORE, Let it be resolved the Spartanburg School District Three Board is honored to declare the Benjamin E. Mays Consolidated School was the first public South Carolina school named in Dr. Benjamin E. Mays' honor.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED our research efforts did not reveal any evidence to dispute the Benjamin E. Mays Consolidated School was the first public school in our nation named in Dr. Benjamin E. Mays' honor.

THEREFORE, Let it be known on September 19, 2019, the Spartanburg School District Three Board, as verified by the signatures below, unanimously support this Resolution.

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