

RESOLUTION  
RECOGNITION OF MELVIN PRITCHARD  
HOUSE OF LEATHER

WHEREAS, the House of Leather in Manassas Park is closing its doors on April 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the shops' owner, Melvin Pritchard, began working in a shoe repair shop at the age of 10 and has worked at his trade in the business for the past 45 years repairing shoes and selling an assortment of NFL memorabilia and leather goods; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Pritchard, age of 70, has decided to retire after 60 years in the business; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Pritchard, a native of Suffolk, enter the leatherworking and shoe repair business 60 years ago when a local man offered to teach him the trade and in 1966 A.D. Francis recruited him to work in the shop and Melvin Pritchard became owner of the shop in 1990 when Mr. Francis retired and has run the shop since that time.

WHEREAS, Mr. Pritchard took pride in his work and making sure the job was done right for his many customers. He stated that experienced and dedicated shoe repairmen are hard to find and are slowly becoming a dying breed in the area. Among his many customers were area police departments, particularly those who rode motorcycles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Manassas Park, Virginia does recognize Melvin Pritchard, House of Leather, for his many years of service to the citizens of Manassas Park; and

FURTHER they wish him much success in the future and stated he will be missed.

Approved May 18, 2010

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Frank Jones, Mayor