

Resolution No. 09-11-10C
Honoring the Memory of Claude Rufus Nelon

WHEREAS, Claude Nelon has served the community well for many years in numerous capacities including:

- * president of the Sunny View Elementary School PTA and Ruritan Club
- * commissioner and troop leader of the Boys Scouts of America
- * life-time member of Mountains Branch Library, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign War, American Legion, Air Force Association and Retired Officers Association
- * charter member of the Lake Lure Lions Club (served as President, Treasurer, and Secretary) and Lions District Governor of North Carolina District 31-C
- * organized the first reunion of the Lake Lure School in 1990 and again in 1993

WHEREAS, Claude Nelon is a graduate of Lake Lure School (class of 1939); attended Berea College in Kentucky, received a B.A. from Syracuse University in New York, graduate of the USAF Command/Staff College in Montgomery, Alabama, and received a Masters degree in Safety Engineering from the University of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, Claude Nelon was a veteran of three wars, serving from 1942 to 1974 in the Army Air Corps and United States Air Force as a Command Pilot with over 15,000 flying hours. During World War II, he flew B-17s in the European Theater, piloted B-29s on Okinawa, Japan, during the Korean War and B-36s and B-52's during the Vietnam War. He was the Commander of the AFROTC Program at Syracuse University in New York and retired as an Air Force Colonel; and

WHEREAS, during his term as Mayor Pro tem and Commissioner from 1975 to 1979, he supported the development of the Lake Lure Junior Police Program, an ABC Store in Lake Lure, an increased power facility rate, a grant for the 201 Facility Study, funding for replacement of Tryon Bay Bridge, a disaster relief flood water grant, funds for the development of the Land Use Plan and the adoption of the State uniform building codes and zoning; and

WHEREAS, Claude Nelon served as Co-Chairman of the Organizational Study Group for the town during 1983. He also served on the selection committee for the first town manager in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Claude Nelon has earned the admiration and high regard of those with whom he has come into contact and acquired the affection of his fellow public servants; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake Lure Town Council desires to honor the memory of Claude Rufus Nelon for his contributions to the Town of Lake Lure and to recognize his place in the history of the town.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Town Council on the 10th day of November, 2009.

ATTEST:

Town Clerk Mary A. Flack, MMC

Mayor Jim Proctor