

Orange County Schools Board of Education
Proclamation to Honor and Recognize
the
1969 OHS State Championship Basketball Team

Whereas, Orange County Schools first desegregated during the 1968-1969 academic year. As a result, Central High School and Orange High School became one; and

Whereas, School desegregation created difficult times in Orange County and across the United States; and

Whereas, Students were reassigned and began learning in unfamiliar educational environments; and

Whereas, Coach Ken Mauer was assigned to teach, coach basketball, coach track & field and serve as athletic trainer. Coach Mauer's wisdom shielded his newly formed basketball team from outside pressures; and

Whereas, Coach Ken Mauer supported the diversity of his basketball team and the individuality of each player while challenging his team to reach its potential; and

Whereas, the entire Orange County Schools community came together as loyal supporters of the newly formed Orange High School Basketball Team.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Orange County Schools Board of Education hereby:

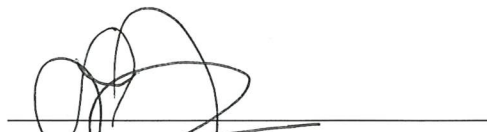
Affirms and recognizes the contributions and legacy of Coach Ken Mauer and the 1969 Orange High School Basketball Team for uniting the Orange County Schools community in the face of adversity;

Affirms this team won the North Carolina State Basketball Championship in March of 1969.

Adopted this the eighth day of April 2024.



Anne Purcell, Chair


Dr. Danielle Jones, Superintendent