

City of Birmingham

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Birmingham Museum of Art is sponsoring an exhibition of sculpture by Mr. John Rhoden from January 20 through March 17; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Birmingham and surrounding areas will have the opportunity to view many of the works of this notable artist which reflect the influence of abstract expressionists and African tribal art and are formed of bronze, marble and wood; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rhoden was born and raised in Birmingham and attended Parker High School where he sculpted his first bust - Mr. Arthur H. Parker - then principal of this high school; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rhoden attended Yalldaga College on an art scholarship for two years before moving to New York where he still resides; and

WHEREAS, his sculpture has been included in exhibitions at the Brooklyn Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the National Academy and the Whitney Museum of American Art; his large commissioned bronzes are installed at the Harlem Hospital, Bellevue Hospital, New York and the Afro-American Museum in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, during the fifties he gave lectures and held exhibitions as a representative of the U.S. State Department across Europe, Asia and the Soviet Union; and today he continues to instruct and encourage young artists; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Birmingham, with the Mayor concurring, that we hereby commend the Birmingham Art Museum for presenting this extraordinary exhibition and congratulate Mr. Rhoden on his exceptional talent, his discipline of form, and his unique portrayals of life;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent minutes of this meeting and a copy presented to Mr. John Rhoden in recognition of our pride in a native son who has contributed so much to the field of fine arts.

Adopted unanimously on this 18th day of January, 1965.

J. David Herring
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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