

Historical Minute – David Noel Morton
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Presented by Councilmember Jamel Boyer

As a Councilman for the city of Summit, it is with immense pride that I stand before you today to honor an individual whose life narrative is interwoven with the fabric of our great city. Today, we shine a spotlight on a true champion, a decorated soldier, and a beloved community member, David Noel Morton.

Born and raised in Summit, David's tenacity and spirit were evident from his youth. As a Summit Hilltopper, he became first team all-state in football, played in the North vs South game, and first team all-state in track where he ran the 55 Meter and 4x200. The foundation laid down in his early days and the commitment towards excellence and dedication developed over the period.

In January 2001, David took a courageous and patriotic step, enlisting in the US Army infantry. His journey was marked by valor and steadfast pursuit of excellence, attending Airborne school and earning his Airborne wings in 2003. David stands among us as the only living two-time Purple Heart recipient from Summit, a testament to his bravery and a reminder of the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women.

After his honorable service, retiring as an Enlisted Staff Sergeant, David continued to serve by guiding new soldiers as the Administrative School's Sergeant. His selfless dedication has left an indelible mark on those who had the fortune to learn from him and those of us who benefit from his unwavering commitment to community and country.

David's bravery and the sacrifice that earned him not one, but two Purple Hearts, stand as a beacon of heroism. He reminds us daily of the boundless power of the human spirit. In David's own profound words, "Love is the greatest form of motivation... A true soldier doesn't fight out of hatred for those in front of him, but out of love for those behind him."

It is this sentiment that encapsulates David Morton: a man who fights with love, lives with honor, and inspires with his very being. I now ask you all to take a moment to join me in a round of applause for an amazing Hilltopper and someone who I affectionately call my big brother David Morton."

Introduction To Resident Safety Ordinance

The threat of auto theft in Summit has escalated beyond mere property crimes, presenting a pressing challenge to public safety. Our stolen vehicles often become instruments in violent crimes, including carjackings and burglaries, escalating the danger to our residents. The reckless operation of these stolen vehicles by criminals - sometimes at high speeds to elude capture - endangers everyone, from our diligent police force to the innocent bystanders on our streets. Alarmingly, the brazenness of these criminals extends to invading the sanctity of our homes to obtain vehicle keys, often during times when residents are home, increasing the urgency for effective measures like the Resident Protection Ordinance.

The ordinance is a game-changer in law enforcement, ensuring that offenders can be charged with related, but different offenses, in both state and municipal courts. This dual approach means that an individual could face a range of consequences from both jurisdictions, from fines, community service, and imprisonment, depending on the severity of their offenses. The requirement to appear in two courts, deal with multiple legal processes, and the prospect of open warrant for failure to respond to a municipal summons serves as a robust deterrent, while also increasing public awareness about the serious nature of these crimes.

The commitment to public safety is unwavering in Summit, where accountability for crime is a critical focus. In the face of rising auto thefts, a historically persistent issue, it is essential that the community is informed about the actions being taken to address this challenge. Embracing community safety and peace of mind as a fundamental right, the Resident Protection Ordinance represents a paradigm shift in municipal leadership. It embodies our dedication to nurturing a secure and healthy environment, with local government at the helm of this crucial initiative.

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