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**JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE GIFT OF SCHOLARSHIPS  
FROM THE LATE RAYMOND W. ALLEN, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, Raymond W. Allen, who died on September 4, 2015, at the age of 87, created the Mabel C. Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund on April 23, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Mabel C. Anderson took him in as an infant when his single mother could not take care of him; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Allen went to Portland High School, Camden High School, Boston University, studied for a Master's Degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and spent three years as a covert investigator and sharp shooter for the United States Army in Europe; and

**WHEREAS**, after being discharged from the Army, Mr. Allen began teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in Pownal, taught in the "night school" at the University of Southern Maine and taught electronics in his own basement, completing his teaching career with 22 years at Portland High School teaching Math, having bought the school a computer so his students would become familiar with the "next big thing"; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Allen was a terrific athlete, almost made the U.S. Olympic Swimming Team, played golf, and built a clay tennis court in Deering Oaks Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Allen led an austere life, depriving himself of many comforts while taking pleasure in giving Christmas gifts to all the children in his Valley Street neighborhood or helping others with college funds; and

**WHEREAS**, when Mr. Allen died he had been a resident of Valley Street, Portland, where he had lived at least from 1961 to 2015, if not longer, in a house that had been moved from the Deering Oaks when that land was made into a park, and which had been his home with Mabel C. Anderson as a child; it had become neglected in the last few years he lived there, when his focus on saving money left needed repairs undone; and

**WHEREAS**, in the years after 2008, Raymond W. Allen contributed money in addition to the original funding to provide an annual scholarship to Portland High School students chosen by the Portland High School Scholarship Committee, initially in the amount of \$7,500; and

**WHEREAS**, Raymond W. Allen contributed additional money to the Mabel C. Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund upon his death; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 2018, the total balance of the Mabel C. Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund was \$1,190,733.62, and a total of six \$8,000 scholarships were awarded in 2016, 2017 and in 2018;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Portland City Council and Mayor and the Portland Board of Public Education join together to honor the devotion of Raymond W. Allen to supporting the math and science studies of the students of Portland High School beginning undergraduate studies; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the legacy of Raymond W. Allen gives the City of Portland a rare example of a local man devoted to others, whose personal sacrifices have created and will continue to create opportunities for local students for many years to come.