

Honorable Mayor Eric Holmes fought to the end for the constituents of Shelby, known as the “City of Justice”, working diligently and continuously. First, Holmes was elected because of what he could do for Shelby and that was improving the standard of living for citizens. Thus, he gained the responsibility that he so greatly upheld over his five years of service as mayor. He superceded expectations and for this he will be greatly lost because it is always hard to find a person like Holmes who loves without an end the constituents to the extent that he did. In addition, Mayor Holmes was young in years but old in wisdom of what it takes to govern. His young at heart spirit connected him further to the youth of Shelby.

The Honorable Holmes continuously paved a road for young people to follow. He illuminated his concern for young people while caring for his own. He, a young man himself, exemplified an energetic intellectual who got the job done and did what was necessary to improve the lives of those he represented.

Mayoral accomplishments of Holmes were illuminated to the citizens of Shelby as he was reelected mayor during last year. Being president of the Mississippi Conference of Black Mayors was another attribute of Holmes. He would have hosted the national convention of the National Conference of Black Mayors to be held in the capital city next month. Another accomplishment was the \$2 million government grant funding under his administration received by the city which he used to upgrade the municipal infrastructure.

Honorable Holmes had continued plans of continuing to improve the economic status of Shelby, while dealing with personal sufferings—bone cancer.

The Honorable Mayor Eric Holmes will be greatly missed by the 2, 926 constituents of Shelby, who have lost a great man whose shoes will be difficult to fill. Mayor Eric Holmes served the State of Mississippi well and is honored for his work.