

ITEM NO: _____

PREPARED BY: _____

APPROVED BY: _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONCEPT OF CONSOLIDATION.
SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER STEVE MULROY.

WHEREAS, this body narrowly passed an October 2010 resolution expressing its opposition to the Metro Charter on the November 2010 ballot; and

WHEREAS, many of those voting for this resolution supported the idea of Metro consolidation but had reservations only about the particular Metro Charter on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, there is a danger that this resolution could be misinterpreted as opposition to metro consolidation generally; and

WHEREAS, some Shelby County citizens legitimately believe that further attempts to achieve Metro consolidation with an improved Metro Charter draft are appropriate and inevitable; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body's prior resolution not be misconstrued as being unduly dismissive of citizens taking that view;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shelby County Board of Commissioners supports the concept of consolidation, and is open to the idea of revisiting a Metro Charter process in an upcoming election cycle, provided that:

- (a) The City Council and County Commission have greater input into the selection of members of any appointed Metro Charter Commission;
- (b) Greater efforts are made to achieve racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity among any Charter Commission appointees;
- (c) Appropriate efforts are made to avoid any undue influence of corporate interests on the process; and
- (d) The issue of school consolidation, if still applicable, should be given weight equal to that of any other major issue in Charter Commission deliberations.

Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.
COUNTY MAYOR

Date: _____

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNTY COMMISSION

ADOPTED: _____