

Proclamation



WHEREAS, Jacquelyn Yvonne Fielder Leonard, affectionately known as “Jackie,” was born on August 28, 1935 to Mildred Jackson Fielder and Joseph Franklin Fielder, in the Washington Park Historic District in Atlanta, Georgia; she grew up alongside her only sibling, Betti Jo; and



WHEREAS, Jackie attended E.R. Carter Elementary and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1953; she later graduated from Spelman College and where she earned a Bachelor’s degree in Biology, and she earned dual Master’s degrees from Atlanta University and Brown University; and



WHEREAS, Jackie began her career in 1957 and spent 36 years teaching in the Atlanta Public School system; she taught Life Science/Biology at several APS middle schools, and retired in 1993; and



WHEREAS, Jackie embarked on several creative endeavors and obtained numerous certifications, including a private pilot’s license; she helped facilitate the Harlan Terrace Community Club meetings in her neighborhood, taught sewing classes to underprivileged and at-risk women, and was a member of multiple book clubs; and



WHEREAS, Jackie faithfully attended Hoosier United Methodist Church since 1982, and served on United Women in Faith and the Women’s Usher Board, utilizing her gifts for many Women’s Day events; and



WHEREAS, Jackie leaves to cherish her memory her husband of 64 years, Joseph Leonard, Sr., her beloved children: Mildrenae “Lita” McGhee, Joseph Leonard Jr. (Gwen), and Javonne Hines (Russell), grandchildren: Joseph Leonard, III and Jada, and a host of extended family and friends;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Jacquelyn Yvonne Fielder Leonard for a life of integrity and dedication to her family and community, and does hereby proclaim Friday, January 24, 2025, as “**JACQUELYN YVONNE FIELDER LEONARD REMEMBRANCE DAY**” in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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