

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Ivory Lee Young, Sr. was born on November 16, 1941 the eldest of eleven children to Oliver Richard Young, Sr. and Susie Mae White Young in rural central Alabama’s “Black Belt” region; and



WHEREAS,

Ivory Lee worked in the cotton fields before walking three to four miles to attend school, but he persevered, and after completing his education, he joined the United States Army; and



WHEREAS,

Ivory devoted 30 years of service to serving his country in the United States Army, during which time he rose through the ranks to become a Sergeant Major, E-9, one of the top chefs in the Army Food Service Program; he received numerous awards and decorations for his service, including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and many others; and



WHEREAS,

in addition to his patriotism, Ivory was a devoted Christian who lived his life with great faith and conviction; he and his wife, Susie Mae Young, birthed a tribe of civic leaders, public servants, artists, bankers, and activists, including the late Atlanta City Councilman Ivory Lee Young, Jr., who continue to carry on his legacy of service to this day; and



WHEREAS,

Ivory leaves to cherish his memory his children: Deborah Ann, twins Vincent and Vanessa, Eva, Barbara Ann, Oliver, Shirley, Richard, grandchildren: Michelle, Zachary, Hamilton, James, Jackson, Vivian, great-grandchildren: Kali and Karma, and a host of extended family and friends;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Ivory Lee Young, Sr. for a life of integrity and dedication to his family, his community, and his country, and does hereby proclaim Friday, April 21, 2023 as “IVORY LEE YOUNG, SR. REMEMBRANCE DAY” in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsoring Commissioner

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission