

Proclamation



WHEREAS, Wylma Long Blanding was born to Ralph A. Long, Sr., and Rubye Hall Long on December 26, 1941, in Newnan, Georgia; she graduated from Henry McNeal Turner High School and furthered her education at Clark College where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics in 1962, followed by her Master's degree in Education from Atlanta University in 1963;



WHEREAS, Wylma continued her pursuit of educational excellence with further study at Emory University, University of Michigan, the University of Notre Dame, Georgia State Principal's Institute, and the Harvard Leadership Program; she graduated in 1988 from Georgia State University with a Specialist Degree in Education; and



WHEREAS, Wylma began her professional life as an educator in the Grand Rapids, Michigan School System, later returning home to Atlanta to begin what would be a longstanding and stellar career with Atlanta Public Schools; her first assignment began with her integrating the professional staff at S. M. Inman Elementary School, and she later worked in her neighborhood school, R.N. Fickett Elementary, as a 1st and 5th grade teacher, later serving as the principal, and retired as Principal of Carter G. Woodson Elementary School; and



WHEREAS, Wylma was a prominent member of her beloved sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, pledging Iota Sigma Chapter in 1966; she was a Golden Life Member of the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter; and



WHEREAS, Wylma married the late Roland E. Blanding Jr. in 1963, and together they raised three children, Mary Beth, Rolanda, and Roland, III; she was also the proud grandmother of six grandchildren, and great-grandmother of three beloved grandchildren: Israel, Aliza, and Ali;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Wylma Long Blanding for a life of integrity and dedication to her family and community, and does hereby proclaim Monday, June 24, 2024 as **"WYLMA LONG BLANDING REMEMBRANCE DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission