

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Harlee Butler, Sr. was born on February 25, 1931, in Atlanta, Georgia, the youngest of seven children to the late Joseph and Mary Butler; he was a proud product of Atlanta Public School System, attending Wesley Avenue Elementary School and graduating from the historic David T. Howard High School in 1949; and



WHEREAS,

Harlee pursued higher education at Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University), but in 1951, he put his studies on hold to courageously serve his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War; as a proud serviceman, he received the National Defense Service Medal; and



WHEREAS,

Harlee returned home and began a professional career in aviation with Eastern Airlines, and retired after many years of dedicated service; and



WHEREAS,

Harlee was ordained as a Deacon at Greater Travelers Rest Baptist Church; he founded The Harlette Ensemble, whose music ministered across the country; and



WHEREAS,

Harlee was a staunch advocate for his beloved Adamsville neighborhood where he was a pillar for 50 years; he was also a dedicated sponsor and mentor in Alcoholics Anonymous, offering encouragement, accountability, and compassion to countless individuals for over 40 years; and



WHEREAS,

Harlee married his childhood soulmate, Margaret Virginia Greene, in 1959, and they raised three beloved children; they were married for 63 years; and



WHEREAS,

Harlee leaves to cherish his memory his devoted children: Harlee Butler, Jr., Trina Latham (Eddie), and LaChandra Burks (Anthony); one sister-in-love, Sophie Lillian Greene Carey; five grandchildren: Jordan, Jarrad, Jade, Chelsea, and Anthony, Jr.; and four great-grandchildren: Ja'Laya, Jamil, Kiersten, and Jaden; he also leaves behind a host of special nieces, nephews, extended family and friends;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Deacon Harlee Butler, Sr. for a life of integrity and dedication to his family and community, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, April 12, 2025, as "**HARLEE BUTLER, SR. REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Chair to the Commission

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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