

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Burnella "Bunnie" Jane Hayes was born on Saturday, November 16, 1940 in Louisburg, North Carolina the only child to Elizabeth Day Hayes and Burnalle James Hayes, both educators and Mr. Hayes a former professional baseball player in the Negro Leagues; and



WHEREAS,

Bunnie earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Business from North Carolina College, later renamed North Carolina Central University; she was also presented with an honorary Doctorate degree from Morris Brown College in Atlanta; and



WHEREAS,

after working at Bennett College in North Carolina, Bunnie relocated to Atlanta, Georgia in 1965 and built a public relations and marketing firm where she served as President and CEO; she also managed soul music artists and worked with local civic organizations for nearly 60 years; and



WHEREAS,

Bunnie became the first Black First Lady of the City of Atlanta in 1973 when she was married to Mayor Maynard Jackson, during which time she boosted the arts scene in Atlanta while maintaining a family life at home; and



WHEREAS,

Bunnie was a member and leader in several social and cultural organizations, including The Links, Jack & Jill, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and



WHEREAS,

Bunnie's greatest accomplishment was her family; she was the proud mother of four beloved children: Elizabeth, Brooke, Rae, and Maynard, III, and grandmother of ten grandchildren;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Bunnie Jackson Ransom for a life of impact and dedication to her family and community, and does hereby proclaim Monday, February 13, 2023 as "**BUNNIE JACKSON RANSOM REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



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