

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

South Fulton High School opened as Southwest Fulton High School and later became an Atlanta City School; the school's first principal was Mr. Claude C. Wills, Jr. who was assigned to the school in 1950; he remained as principal until his retirement at the end of the 1969-70 school year; and



WHEREAS,

Integration began with seven students in the 1964-65 school year; Dr. Charles R. Mason was appointed principal in 1970 and he served through the end of the 1973-74 school year as integration of the surrounding southwest Atlanta communities was completed; and



WHEREAS,

Dr. Anne W. Fannin succeeded Dr. Mason as principal, followed by Dr. John S. Blackshear who was principal when Southwest closed as a high school in 1981 and reopened as Southwest Middle School for the 1981-82 school year; and



WHEREAS,

the name was later changed to Jean Childs Young Middle School to honor the contributions of the renowned educator and wife of United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young; and



WHEREAS,

the Southwest Atlanta High School Class of 1973 was a group of 187 graduates whose motto is "*The Legacy Continues*"; they are celebrating their 50th class reunion with a week-long itinerary of events with approximately 50 participating classmates;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners celebrates with the Southwest Atlanta High School class of 1973 on their 50th anniversary, and does hereby proclaim the week of June 3-11, 2023 as "**SOUTHWEST ATLANTA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 APPRECIATION WEEK**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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