

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Mrs. Velma Mae Turner Rainey was born on May 15, 1919 and was raised in Carrollton, Georgia by her brother, Levi Wilson, and his wife; she acquired a job at the age of 7 years old working for the Lee family on a farm in the Red Oak community off of Roosevelt Highway, which became her new home; and



WHEREAS,

Velma was married to the late Mr. Lovett Rainey, Sr. with whom she partnered in the *Lovett Rainey, Sr. Landscaping Business*; their marriage was blessed with 7 girls and 6 boys; and



WHEREAS,

Velma and her husband served as active community leaders, church members, and supporters of education, with each of their 13 children completing high school, trade schools, and some completing college; Velma was also a very active PTA parent and library supporter and volunteer; and



WHEREAS,

Velma began her career in housekeeping around the age of seven, and was required to work in exchange for housing, food, and clothing; she later farmed alongside her husband, worked as a telephone receptionist for their landscaping business, and handled paperwork, collected rent, and managed operations for her husband's rental properties; and



WHEREAS,

her favorite weekly activity is the Newspaper Word puzzle contest, where she has been sending in her answers for more than 45 years; in January of 2025, Velma was registered as a Centenarian with the Georgia Department of Aging;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County acknowledges and celebrates Mrs. Rainey's 106th birthday and does hereby proclaim Sunday, May 18, 2025 as "**VELMA MAE TURNER RAINEY APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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