

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School established the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022 to recognize a graduate who has attained more than 50 years of extraordinary distinction and success in their field of endeavor, and whose achievements have brought credit to the Law School and benefitted their fellow citizens; and



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COUNTY

**WHEREAS,**

Louise Thornton Hornsby is a 1965 graduate of Atlanta's John Marshall Law School and was named its inaugural honoree of the Lifetime Achievement Award; and



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**WHEREAS,**

Louise Thornton Hornsby is a native of Atlanta and graduated high school from David T. Howard High School, and attended Spelman College before attending law school, later becoming the sixth Black woman to pass the Bar Exam in the State of Georgia; and



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**WHEREAS,**

Louise Thornton Hornsby worked in the Fulton County Public Defender's Office, becoming the first African-American Assistant Public Defender in Fulton County, and also served as a part-time judge for the City of Atlanta Traffic Court; she was later appointed by Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young as the Solicitor General for the City of Atlanta; and



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**WHEREAS,**

Louise Thornton Hornsby opened her private practice, Hornsby and Associates in 1996 in the Greenbriar Area; in 2013 she changed the name to The Hornsby Law Firm, LLC where she practiced with her daughters Kristie Hornsby Battle and Avis Hornsby-Culpepper until her retirement in 2022, and has received numerous recognitions, awards, and has held several positions, including President of the Georgia Women's Political Caucus, Owner and Operator of Entertainment Corporation of America, and member of the State Bar of Georgia since 1966; among others; and



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**WHEREAS,**

Louise Thornton Hornsby's proudest achievement is that of being a mother to her five children, including Atlanta's John Marshall Law School Class of 2012 graduate, Kristie Hornsby Battle, and grandmother to ten grandchildren;



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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Louise Thornton Hornsby for stellar career in the field of Law, and for her enduring legacy with Atlanta's John Marshall Law School, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, August 17, 2022 as "**LOUISE THORNTON HORNSBY APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Commissioner

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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