

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Carolyn Long Banks was born on October 30, 1940, a fourth generation Atlantan born to Mr. Ralph A. Long, Sr. and Mrs. Rubye Carolyn Hall Long and a graduate of Henry McNeal Turner High School and Clark Atlanta University; and

WHEREAS,

Carolyn was the first African-American woman elected to the Atlanta City Council where she served from 1980 to 1997, and in 1995 she became the first Atlanta City Councilmember and one of only two African-American women to serve as president of the National League of Cities where she was a lifetime member of the executive board; and



WHEREAS,

Carolyn was one of the organizers of the 1960's student movement that led to the integration of local businesses and city facilities and is a member of the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Leadership Atlanta Alumni Association, the Atlanta Business League, and a lifetime member of the NAACP, and an inductee of the Metro-Atlanta Coalition of 100 Black Women, the Southwest Cascade Garden Club, the Les Amies Bridge Club, and the University of Georgia Municipal Leadership Institute; and



WHEREAS,

Carolyn taught high school English, worked as a buyer for Rich's Department Store, served as Chief Operating Officer of Minority Training and Assistance Partnerships, Inc., and Director of Community Affairs at Clark Atlanta University; she retired from Lockheed Martin in 2009 where she served as a Community Relations Representative, designing and implementing partnerships between employees and various segments of the Metro Atlanta community; and



WHEREAS,

Carolyn was married to the late Col. James H. Banks, Sr. and leaves to cherish her memory two beloved children: April and James, Jr., her grandchildren: Harlyn, Horace, and Hayden, her siblings, Wylma Long Blanding and Ralph A. Long, Jr., and a host of extended family and friends;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Carolyn Long Banks for a life of integrity and dedication to her family and community, and does hereby proclaim Friday, April 21, 2023 as "CAROLYN LONG BANKS REMEMBRANCE DAY" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsoring Commissioner

Chairman

Commissioner

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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