

RESOLUTION

NO. _____

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JUDY PURNELL

WHEREAS, Dr. Judy Purnell was born on May 29, 1949 in Columbus, Georgia

WHEREAS, Dr. Judy Purnell, a historian and educator with vast knowledge of the history of Columbus, Georgia, has dedicated her life to gathering information, teaching it, and recording it for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, she recalls visiting South Africa and the home of Nelson Mandela, where he was arrested; her visit was during the repatriation period, and she says it was like going back in time; and

WHEREAS, Judy believes that there are still Nelson Mandelas in the world who believe it's possible for all people to be equal and unified; Mandela's legacy, she says, will always be the cry for freedom and equality; and

WHEREAS, as a professor at Columbus State University, she taught a course titled African and African American Culture, and when she reached the topic of great African leaders, Nelson Mandela was always part of the course; and

WHEREAS, through efforts spearheaded by Dr. Judy Purnell, the Muscogee County School District posthumously bestowed on the late Mary Lee Hall Bussey, who served as superintendent of segregated schools, the title of superintendent in February 2021 and commissioned a portrait painted by CSU alumnus Steve Tette to hang alongside other superintendents in the Muscogee County Public Education Center.

WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens. She is a person of noble strengths with an impeccable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, she possesses the vast wisdom which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

WHEREAS, by the example Judy has made of her life, she makes this world a better place in which to live, and it is only fitting and proper that she be appropriately honored; and

WHEREAS, during Women's History Month, we recognize and commend Dr. Judy Purnell on receiving the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Alumni Award from the Tuskegee University College of Arts and Sciences.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY
RESOLVES:**

The members of Council do hereby extend a heartfelt congratulations to Judy Purnell on her lifetime achievement.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 28th day of March 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ___ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor House	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor