

City of Columbus, GA
Honorary Designation Application

(Please Print or Type)

APPLICANT NAME: J. Philip Thaver

PHONE NUMBER:

ADDRESS:

NAME OF HONOREE: Angie Shehane

(AS IT WOULD APPEAR ON SIGN OR FACILITY):

LIVING OR DECEASED
(CIRCLE ONE)

REQUESTED LOCATION: Pop Austin Recreation Center

TYPE OF TRIBUTE OR REMEMBRANCE: Service and Dedication to the center and community

CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA, WHICH ARE USED IN THE EVALUATION FOR EACH REQUEST FOR AN HONORARY DESIGNATION. USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF REQUIRED. IN ADDITION, HONOREE MUST BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.

HISTORICAL AND/OR CULTURAL INFLUENCE OF THE HONOREE ON THE CITY:

Angie was born and educated in Columbus, Georgia. She did attend the University of Tennessee for two years. She began work in the Muscogee County School District at the age of 16, as a clerk at the Bradley Memorial Library. She began her teaching career at Muscogee Elementary School in 1966. She retired as the Coordinator of the International Baccalaureate Program at Clubview Elementary in 2013.

She began volunteer work at Pop Austin Recreation Center in 2013 and became the Special Olympics Treasurer for District 10. Her service with both went above and beyond just the call of duty. See statement from Shajra Thrasher, who was Director at Pop Austin during a major portion of this time.

Angie grew up in church and became a member of Waldrop Memorial Baptist Church in 1968. She spent 25 plus years serving in the nursery. She was always an active, contributing church member.

PROVIDE PROOF OF SIGNIFICANT LINEAGE OR FAMILY TIES TO THE CITY:

Angie's great-grandfather, Hiram Goodlett was an engineer on riverboats which traveled up and down the Chattahoochee River. Her grandfather operated a restaurant, first downtown, and later Cusseta Road known as Firm Roberts Café of "Scramble Dog" fame. Her father, Firm Roberts, Jr., operated Firm Robert's Cabinet Shop specializing in restoring and refinishing antiques. All are buried at Riverdale Cemetery. All are buried in the Firm Robert's Family Plot except for Hiram Goodlett, who is buried in a separate plot.

ESTABLISH CLEAR GEOGRAPHICAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE AREA OR PLACE OF INTEREST OF THE HONOREE:

Angie was born in Columbus and is buried in Riverdale Cemetery. Her career was in the Muscogee County School System. Her father, grandfather, great-grand father, all built careers or businesses in Columbus, lived in Columbus, and are buried at Riverdale Cemetery in Columbus.

Angie's service at Pop Austin Recreation Center, serving the Special Needs Community, was the highlight of Angie's service to the community. See statement from Shajra Thrasher, past Director of Pop Austin Recreation Center.

CLEARLY DEFINED COMMUNITY OR PUBLIC CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE HONOREE:

The crowning achievement of Angie's life of service to the community whether it be her 40 plus years as an outstanding and loving elementary school teacher, her 7 years as the 1B Coordinator at Clubview Elementary, her years of church service, or the 10 years of volunteer service at Pop Austin had to be her years in serving the special needs community at Pop Austin.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____



DATE: _____

07/02/2025

Send this completed application to the Deputy Clerk of Council at tcolbert@columbusga.org

For questions, please contact the Clerk of Council's office at (706) 653-4013.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE: _____

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Date application was received by the Clerk of Council: July 29, 2025

Date application was submitted to the appropriate City Department to verify any conflicts for the placement of the tribute or remembrance and the requested honorary designation: August 7, 2025

Date response received from the City Department: August 7, 2025

Any conflicts identified: YES _____ NO X

If so, give explanation and contact requestor: _____

Total cost associated with request: _____

Date listed on Clerk of Council's agenda for the consideration of Council: August 12, 2025

Date reviewed by the Board of Honor: _____

Official action taken: _____

Upon approval from the Board of Honor, date resolution or ordinance listed for adoption by Council: _____

Resolution No. _____ Ordinance No. _____

Additional Notes: _____

A statement from one of Angie's co-workers at Clubview Elementary School.

Angie was a leader with high standards and always set an example for others. She was meticulous and detailed and so well put together. I can hear her bracelets dangle and jingle as she wrote notes during our meetings together, as she shook her head in agreement and encouragement whenever we spoke. Angie was such a pleasant person to be around. She was always smiling and exuded joy, wherever she went. The workplace can be filled with stress, but Angie never let the surrounding pressure affect how she carried herself. She was full of grace, and never had a negative word to say about another. There would be times that we would sit and talk to her, venting about the tensions of school, and she was always quick to listen and slow to speak. She would keep our conversations confidential and offer thoughtful advice, even if it meant she came back to you afterwards, to talk more. I know all of these wonderful things about Angie were a reflection of who she was in Christ, and a testimony to her faith. She was admired not only for her work ethic and dedication to her career, but for her foundational beliefs that were evident in how she conducted herself, everyday. Min Hae Hernandez

Min Hae gives testimony of Angie's everyday witness at work.

A statement from Shajra Thrasher, past Director of Pop Austin Parks and Recreation Center is below.

"Mrs. Angie epitomized servant leadership through her unwavering commitment to supporting families of individuals with developmental disabilities. Devoting nearly 100 hours each month to volunteer with the therapeutic recreation program. So much so that we ended up dedicating a designated workspace for her. Her volunteerism extended beyond roles as former chairperson of Area 10 Special Olympics and treasurer of Columbus Parks and Recreation; these titles barely capture her profound impact. Ms. Angie ensured all individuals had access to Special Olympics, meticulously managing all administrative duties. Even with these responsibilities, she found time to do more. Mrs. Angie taught participants about holidays like Chinese New Year and organized cultural teachings by parents during Christmas. Beyond city limits, she drove for field trips and events, including a memorable whitewater rafting trip. Through it all, her family remained her priority; we witnessed her grandchildren grow and Rebecca's social development improve, even getting her ears pierced. Mrs. Angie became more than a volunteer; she was a mother figure, friend, and confidant, her infectious smile leaves a lasting impression far beyond her reach.

Shajra Thrasher, Recreation Program Manager, Douglasville, Georgia