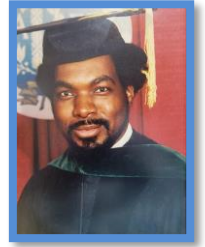


RESOLUTION



Recognition of Dr. Henry W. Young Sr. as the First Black Doctor in Effingham County, Georgia

WHEREAS, Henry William Young Sr. was born April 21, 1949 in the town of Clyo, Georgia to the departed Walter L. and Azarene Young and;

WHEREAS, he is married to his wife Glenda of 51 years and their union produced two daughters, Nyidra Young and Nicole Y. Whalen, Esq. and one son, Dr. Henry W. Young II, who is an emergency room doctor in Columbus Ohio. The Youngs also adore their four grandchildren and;

WHEREAS, Dr. Young is noted as the first black doctor in Effingham County (as published in an article by the *Effingham Herald*, February 2024). Over the years he has gained experience at various hospitals across the state and served on various boards and numerous organizations and;

WHEREAS, Young has operated as a family practice physician since the 1980s; and continues to serve his patients and community at his facility in Cordele, GA to include emergency medicine, nursing homes and geriatric care and;

WHEREAS, Dr. Young is a graduate of Springfield Central High School; he continued his educational prowess and obtained his Bachelor of Science at Georgia State University in Atlanta and his Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta in 1980. Further, Henry received professional training via an internship as well as his residency, at The Medical Center of Columbus GA, and special training at Crawford W. Long Hospital of Emory University School of Medical Technology and;

WHEREAS, to pay for college, Young joined the United States Air Force where he ascended to sergeant as an Administrative and Communications Specialist, serving in the Philippines and Vietnam War where he was endowed with the honor of the Airman of the Quarter for Southeast Asia, the Presidential Citation, Outstanding Unit Award – twice received, and the Good Conduct Medal during his tour and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia gleefully honors the excellence of those who have made a positive impact in supporting and shaping the lives of others. Today we recognize Dr. Young for being noted as the first black doctor in Effingham County and for his many accomplishments and dedication to service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia joins the family and friends of Dr. Henry W. Young Sr. in celebrating his 45 years and counting in the medical industry. We stand appreciative of his service to community, his life's work and his legacy.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution will become part of the Effingham County archives.

Humbly submitted this 1st day of July, in the Year of our Lord, 2025.

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