

Staff Report

Subject: Dr. Henry W. Young Sr. Resolution

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Department: Administration

Meeting Date: 07/01/2025

Item Description: Consideration to approve Resolution# 025-019 in recognition of Henry W. Young Sr. as the first Black doctor in Effingham County

Summary Recommendation:

It has been the policy of the Board of Commissioners to recognize individuals and organizations for their excellence in service by approval of a resolution.

An ask was received from a family member for the Board of Commissioners to acknowledge this impression in Effingham County history.

Executive Summary:

Dr. Henry Young is a native of Effingham County, born April 21, 1949. This resolution represents the Board's recognition of Dr. Young as the first black doctor from Effingham County and his 45-year achievement as a doctor.

Background:

1. Dr. Young grew up in Effingham County and is a graduate of Central High School.
2. To pay for college he joined the United States Air Force, working his way up to sergeant while serving in the Philippines and the Vietnam War.
3. Young also completed almost two years of college while enlisted in the armed services.
4. He is currently a practicing family physician in Cordele, Georgia .

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve Resolution# 025-019 recognizing Dr. Henry W. Young Sr. as the first Black doctor in Effingham County.

Recommended Alternative: Staff recommends Alternative 1

Other Alternatives: N/A

Department Review: Administration

Funding Source: No funding is required.

Attachments:

1. Resolution