

RESOLUTION



Recognition of Mother Thelma Roper Goldwire 100th Birthday Celebration

WHEREAS, Mother Thelma Roper Goldwire was born on April 13, 1923 in Clyo, Georgia to Rev. Walter Roper and Sally Sarah Elizabeth Solomon Roper;

WHEREAS, she married the late Rubin Goldwire, Sr. in 1941 and 10 children were born, which she adored and cared for and designed and sewed clothing. She now also enjoys 33 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great-grandchildren. Her love for her family is her greatest joy. She has traveled long distances for family events and nowadays she uses her iPad to FaceTime and Zoom to communicate with her loved ones and;

WHEREAS, Mother Goldwire is a member of Union Springs Methodist Church, Inc. in Springfield, Georgia where she serves as the Church Mother and participates on the following boards: Stewardess, Missionary, Auxiliary and Women of H.O.P.E and she also was a member of the Senior Citizens Choir and;

WHEREAS, Mother Goldwire was featured on WTOC-TV hometown heroes because of her service to the community. When she was able-bodied, she would often be seen driving others to the grocery store, to doctor appointments, work, and even driving neighborhood students to school if they missed the bus. Driving others to their destination was one of her favorite ways to give back. Now, she enjoys riding around Effingham County reminiscing of yesteryears and tracking the county's growth and development and;

WHEREAS, Mother Goldwire is a former employee of Effingham Health System, additionally, through the years, belonged to the following organizations: Effingham County NAACP, PTA of Effingham County Schools, Springfield Central High School Association, Inc., American Cancer Society, Heart Association of America, March of Dimes, and Effingham County Association for Developmental Disabilities. She was instrumental in helping to renovate the old Clyo Elementary School located on Fair Street, which became the Effingham Developmental Service Center, which provided programs for the developmentally handicap citizens of Effingham County and;

WHEREAS, Mother Goldwire believes in the value of education for everyone and always encourages both youth and adults to take advantage of every learning opportunity available. To this day, she proudly displays her certification of graduation from the seventh grade in 1941 from Taylor Chapel School. The completion of seventh grade during her school years were equal to the completion of today's schools twelfth grade and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia joins Mother Thelma Goldwire's family and friends in celebrating her 100th birthday. We stand appreciative of her life's work and her legacy.

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

Humbly submitted this 4th day of April, in the Year of our Lord, 2023.

Wesley Corbitt - Chairman

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