

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



RESOLUTION honoring SUPERVISOR MELTON HARRIS, JR.



WHEREAS, The Jackson County Board of Supervisors, its employees and residents, lost a valued member and genuine LEADER on July 13, 2021, with the death of Supervisor Melton Harris, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, during Melton's collegiate years at his beloved alma mater, Tougaloo College, he met and married Portia J. Martini of Moss Point. Together they reared Donise, Marcus and Melani; and have six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, during the Vietnam Era, Melton served in the United States Army as a military policeman, earning an honorable discharge. He later worked at Chevron and retired in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Harris was elected in 2007, and then elected for a fourth consecutive term in 2019, as District 2 Supervisor. During these thirteen and a half years, he served as the Board President in 2011, 2016 and 2021, and Board Vice President in 2010, 2015, and 2020; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Supervisor Harris had been a leader in the community as a member, and often nominated as President or Chairman, of numerous local and state-wide organizations; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Harris was an avid supporter of the employees of Jackson County. Not only did he attend and take an active role, as a photographer and blessing the food, at almost every County employee Thanksgiving lunch, appreciation picnic, and retirement and anniversary ceremony, he was also always willing to make the time to listen and advocate on their behalf; and


WHEREAS, Supervisor Harris' commitment and love for the County and its citizens was exemplified through his words and actions. He made an impact on, and earned the admiration and respect of, all who worked with and for him;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors and County employees formally recognize the significant contributions of Supervisor Melton Harris, Jr. and express our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his family.


*Given our Hand and Seal
on July 23, 2021*


Troy Ross, Vice President
District 4 Supervisor


Ken Taylor
District 3 Supervisor


Josh Eldridge
Clerk of the Board




Barry Cumbest
District 1 Supervisor


Randy Bosarge
District 5 Supervisor


Brian Fulton
County Administrator

*The original of this resolution will be tendered to the family of Supervisor Melton Harris, Jr.
Furthermore, an official copy of this resolution will be recorded in the August 2, 2021 Board of Supervisor Minutes.*