



City of South Fulton

WHEREAS, it has been said that “history is made by great men”, Clifton Rainey’s history-making journey began in Florence, South Carolina on January 2, 1941 when he was born into the loving arms of Mildred Cooper Rainey and Clifford Rainey, Sr.;

WHEREAS, while Clifford was yet a youngster, his family moved to Connecticut where he was educated in the Public Schools of Middletown, Connecticut;

WHEREAS, always having a heart to serve, Clifford enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1959; serving in the Medical Corps from 1959 to 1962. After his tour of duty, he continued his education by enrolling in the Los Angeles Valley Community College from 1962 to 1964;

WHEREAS, Clifford has always excelled at whatever he set his mind to do. He was a dedicated employee of New Departure Hyatt, a Ball Bearing Plant in Bristol, Connecticut where he was a Machine and Set-up Man for General Motors car parts for 28 years;

WHEREAS, in 1992, he took early retirement and began to develop his gift of leadership by becoming an active member of the UAW and attended seminars and conferences in the area of Collective Bargaining and Labor Relations. He served as Chairman of the Fair Employment Practices Committee and became well versed in Parliamentary Procedure;

WHEREAS, never one to rest on his laurels, his service continued to government relations where he was appointed Councilman for the Town of Meriden. He also served as Camp Coordinator for the Boy Scouts of America and Assistant Scoutmaster;

WHEREAS, during these productive years he became a Mason and served as the Worshipful Master of Ionic Lodge #7 in New Britain Connecticut from 1986 to 1987. Since 1995, he has been an active member of Tuscan Lodge #17 in Hartford, Connecticut;

WHEREAS, in 1970, Clifford married the love of his life, Claudette and continues to live a full productive life. To this beautiful union, three adorable children were born who all served in the military and attended college;

WHEREAS, Clifford has made his mark in society through his backyard barbecues, scholarships provided to students through St James Lodge; serving on the Board of Directors of Walden Park Subdivision and as an active member of the Clifftondale Community Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledges the dedication and commitment Clifford Rainey has provided to his community, his Masonic Lodge, and his church; thanks him for his unwavering support to his beloved City of South Fulton and does hereby proclaim Sunday, October 11, 2020 as ***CLIFFORD RAINEY, JR. DAY*** in the City of South Fulton

Mayor William “Bill” Edwards