

THE CITY OF GRANTVILLE, GEORGIA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25  
BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVANT LEADERS,  
THE LATE JOHN WILLIAM HOUSTON, COUNCILMAN AND  
THE LATE EMMA GLADYS BOHANNON VARNER, BOARD PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, the members of the City Council are always greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Grantville officers who have exhibited exemplary public service; and

WHEREAS, City officers share invaluable skills, work countless hours, days, and many years with little or no compensation to accomplish improvements for the City; and

WHEREAS, City officers serve as ambassadors of good will while in training, representing the City, or working tirelessly on programs and projects to better the quality of life for our community; and

WHEREAS, on many occasions it is necessary for City officers to leave family and safe environments in order to complete an assignment related to their City appointed tasks; and

WHEREAS, City officers are eager to expend energy working on difficult projects to improve services to benefit the community, not only donating time but making personal monetary contributions and tangible donations to benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, City officers with outgoing friendly personalities have been instrumental in promoting good will and improving the image of the City as well as identifying and facilitating the acquisition of grants to save taxpayers' funds; and

WHEREAS, many officers with ethical behavior and integrity have helped with problem solving, and research and have rendered advice and recommendations for City Council approval to help move the City closer to a brighter future; and

WHEREAS, the City could not survive without the invaluable volunteer services provided by these distinguished, dedicated public service leaders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Grantville, GA that in recognition of invaluable contributions to benefit the City Parks and Recreation programs rendered by former officers, a Councilmember and a Board President, the Main Pavilion at Griffin Street Park shall be named the "John William Houston (dob 12/2/37 - dod 5/9/23) and Emma Gladys Bohannon Varner (dob 2/11/45 - dod 9/28/23) Pavilion" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this City Council Resolution shall be prominently displayed at the Grantville City Hall complex area accessible to the public and a copy shall be presented to a surviving family member in order to acknowledge and express sincere appreciation for the outstanding volunteer service of these dedicated servant leaders who will not be forgotten by the citizens of the City of Grantville, GA.

IT IS SO RESOLVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

  
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Mayor Richard Proctor

Dee Latimore Berry, Councilmember

Casey Evans, Mayor Pro Tem

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David Clark, Councilmember

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Councilmember

ATTEST:

  
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Roberta Higgins, City Clerk

