

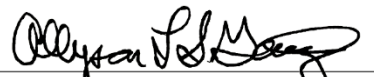


PROCLAMATION

Honoring the Extraordinary Legacy of Mrs. Gladys Cook

- WHEREAS: the DeKalb County School District Board of Education proudly recognizes **Mrs. Gladys Cook**, whose 106 years of life have been marked by extraordinary service, leadership, compassion, and unwavering dedication to the students, families, educators, and communities of DeKalb County; and
- WHEREAS: Mrs. Cook faithfully served the DeKalb County School District for more than three decades and worked alongside district leaders including Superintendents Jim Cherry, Robert Freeman, and James Hallford, exemplifying professionalism, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to educational excellence; and
- WHEREAS: as President of the DeKalb County Council of PTAs from 1960 to 1962, Mrs. Cook championed family and community engagement long before it became a strategic priority in public education, strengthening the partnership between schools, families, and the broader community in support of student success; and
- WHEREAS: Mrs. Cook's vision and commitment to future generations led to the creation of the **Gladys Cook Scholarship**, which began as a single \$200 award for a graduating senior pursuing a career in education and has since provided thousands of dollars in scholarships to hundreds of students, leaving a lasting legacy of opportunity, service, and educational advancement; and
- THEREFORE: **BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the **DeKalb County Board of Education**, together with the **Superintendent of the DeKalb County School District**, hereby honors and celebrates **Mrs. Gladys Cook** for her extraordinary lifetime of service, visionary leadership, enduring commitment to education, and immeasurable contributions to the children, families, and communities of DeKalb County, and expresses its deepest gratitude for a legacy that will continue to inspire generations to come.




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