

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF CLAYTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 44

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DONALD RAY "DONNIE" HOOD TO THE CITIZENS OF CLAYTON COUNTY; TO REQUEST THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA TO INSTITUTE A FORMAL INVESTIGATION OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN CLAYTON COUNTY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners learned of the tragic death of Donnie Ray Hood on Friday, February 29, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to recognize Donnie Ray Hood for his dedication to the citizens of Clayton County over the course of his 19 year career as an employee of Clayton County, including nine years as Director of the Building and Maintenance Department and the Community Development Department; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to state its concerns regarding certain investigations conducted by the District Attorney's office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLAYTON COUNTY, GEORGIA AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

Section 1.

- (a.) The Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the dedication of Donald Ray "Donnie" Hood having served the citizens of Clayton County, Georgia for 19 years in various capacities including nine years as the Director of the Building and Maintenance Department and the Community Development Department. This

Board extends its deepest sympathies and condolences to Pat Hood, Jeff Hood and Brian Hood, as well as the rest of the Hood family; and

- (b.) The members of this Board, many of whom had known Mr. Hood for many years, questioned the validity of the allegation contained in the Indictment presented by the Clayton County District Attorney's office to the Grand Jury; and
- (c.) This Board, as the governing authority of Clayton County, was not consulted by the District Attorney's office at anytime prior to, or during the investigation, indictment and prosecution of Mr. Hood; and
- (d.) Although it has been represented to the Grand Jury in the Indictment of Mr. Hood that the allegedly stolen flag was the property of this Board, this Board has never been aware of any information or evidence supporting the allegation, nor did this Board or anyone acting on its behalf ever report a flag stolen, or missing to any legal entity; and
- (e.) This Board, as the governing authority of Clayton County has exclusive authority over pension benefits offered to Clayton County employees who retire from service with the County; and
- (f.) This Board was never consulted or notified that the District Attorney's office intended to file a Notice of Intent to Forfeit Pension Benefits at the arraignment in Mr. Hood's case; and
- (g.) This Board is concerned and alarmed by the Clayton County District Attorney's actions in the investigation, indictment and prosecution of Mr. Hood, and whether the District Attorney has used her position inappropriately to investigate employees, officials and departments on behalf of political supporters. Allegations contained in a Motion to Disqualify the District Attorney's Office questioned the propriety of the District Attorney's Office and an individual whom is under investigation by that office pursuing the allocation of \$87,000.00 from

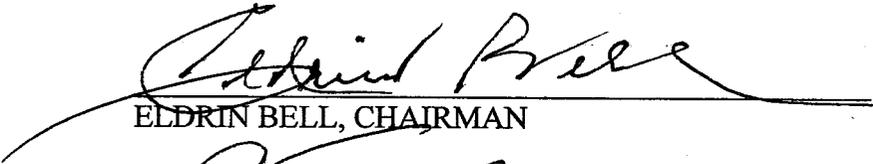
the City of Lovejoy's budget to fund a new car and investigator slot in the office of the District Attorney, if true they raise further questions as to the ethical conduct of the District Attorney's office; and

(h.) Given the serious concerns raised by the conduct of the District Attorney's Office this Board hereby requests that the Attorney of the State of Georgia institute an investigation of the District Attorney's Office;

Section 2. This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the Board of Commissioners.

SO RESOLVED, this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.

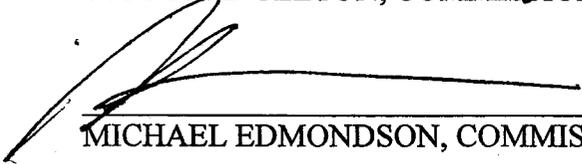
CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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ATTEST:

  
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