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Troup County Commissioner Richard English, Jr. Dies

Troup County, Ga. August 3, 2021 – The Troup County Board of Commissioners is saddened to announce the death of Mr. Richard English, Jr., the longest serving commissioner in the State of Georgia. English was elected to the Troup County Board of Commissioners in 1978 and served District 5 for 43 consecutive years; he was serving his 11th term as Vice-Chairman at the time of his passing.

English's unceasing dedication to public service will forever be an inspiration to our community, and the impact his actions have made over the course of more than 40 years of service will not be forgotten in Troup County history. He served in the U.S. Military during the Vietnam War, and upon his return to the States, became an independent contractor before committing to serving the citizens of Troup County on the Board of Commissioners.

A true leader, and the first and only African American to serve on the Troup County Board of Commissioners, English spearheaded the establishment of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday in Troup County, and also created an affirmative action program for employees. In 2001, he was recognized in the Congressional Registry for his instrumental contributions to Georgia and the United States. English was the Chairman of the Community Action for Improvement Board (CAFI) for 35 years and the Chairman of the FEMA Board and Emergency Food & Shelter Program for 38 years.

Additionally, he was a past member of the First Tee Board of Directors, the Neighborhood Housing Service Board of Directors, the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) Board of Managers, and Keep Troup Beautiful. He also served the ACCG Black Caucus, LaGrange-Troup County Chamber of Commerce, Two Rivers RC&D Council, LaGrange Civic Improvement Association, 100 Black Men of West Georgia Inc., and the Georgia Association of Black County Officials (GABCO), among others.

By order of the Troup County Board of Commissioners, flags will be set at half-staff for 7 days beginning Wednesday, August 4, 2021 in honor of Richard English, Jr. and the invaluable service he has provided to Troup County.

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