



City of College Park

Proclamation

Recognizing Warren Bond, Sr.

WHEREAS: Warren Bond Sr., was born in Atlanta, Georgia on September 10, 1944, and grew up in the house that his grandfather built on Columbia Avenue across from the College Park Police Department with his grandparents and parents. His father, William “Bill” Henry Bond, was an avid community photographer who documented parades, community activities, and dedications of plaques, etc. It is because of his dad’s love for photography, Warren always had a camera by his side; and

WHEREAS: Tragedy struck with his father’s passing, but it opened a new chapter in Warren’s life. College Park Police Department’s Capt. of Detectives, Earl Peppers, recognized Warren’s talent and asked him to accompany him to photograph police events. At the young age of 16, Warren found himself documenting challenging scenes, from homicides to fatal accidents, honing his skills in reading crime scenes; and

WHEREAS: In 1963, Chief T. Owen Smith appointed Warren as the City Crime Scene photographer, marking the beginning of a remarkable career. His reputation spread, and he became the late-night crime scene reporter for WQXI radio in Atlanta. Chief T. Owen Smith introduced him to Clayton County’s Chief of Police, Howard Smith, leading to a fruitful partnership that allowed Warren to expand his photography business across Clayton County and the City of College Park; and

WHEREAS: His expertise led him to various areas of photography, including working with Tri-City Realty’s Bob Disharoon. One of the greatest joys of his career was having his children, Camille and Warren Jr., join the family business. Camille manages day-to-day operations with perfection, while Warren Jr. brings invaluable talent and experience; and

WHEREAS: Over the decades, Warren and his dedicated team have played a vital role in preserving the history and essence of College Park, Georgia. Through their lens, they captured numerous significant moments, from the excitement of groundbreaking to ribbon cuttings, Oath of Office ceremonies, portraits of all Mayor and Council as well as staff members, while still covering police department incidents; and

WHEREAS: Warren’s dedication to the City of College Park is unparalleled and we are forever grateful.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of College Park, Georgia, do hereby recognize:

Warren Bond, Sr.

PROCLAIMED THIS 16th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

ATTEST:

Bianca Motley Broom, Mayor

Shavala Ames, City Clerk

Ambrose Clay, Councilman

Joe Carn, Councilman

Ken Allen, Councilman

Roderick D. Gay, Councilman