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Habersham County Board of Commissioners
Citizen Recognition: John Larry Whitfield

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is both an honor and a privilege for the Habersham County Board of Commissioners to recognize a truly remarkable member of our community, Mr. John Larry Whitfield.

For 55 years, Larry has been a devoted member of the First Baptist Church of Cornelia, faithfully serving as a deacon and Sunday School teacher. His commitment to his faith and community extends beyond the church, as he is an active Gideon and member of the Habersham County South Gideon Camp.

Larry's dedication to service and leadership is also evident in his professional life. Alongside the late Swenson Perkins, he co-founded Whitfield Funeral Homes & Crematory, providing compassionate care to families across our county. His professional excellence has been recognized statewide, serving as Past President of the Georgia Funeral Directors Association and appointed by the late Governor Zell Miller to the Georgia State Board of Funeral Service, where he served from 1995 to 2001, helping regulate all funeral homes and crematories in Georgia.

A lifelong advocate for community involvement, Larry has been an active member of the Habersham County Lions Club and a former member of the Cornelia Lions Club. In recognition of his dedication, he was inducted into the District 18D Lions Club Hall of Fame in 2009. He has also been recognized by the Habersham Chamber of Commerce, receiving the Kathryn Lunsford Volunteer of the Year award in 2017.

Larry's commitment to service and fellowship extends to his fraternal and patriotic affiliations. He is a 50-year member of Cornelia Masonic Lodge #92, a Scottish Rite Mason, Shriner, and member of the Valley of Atlanta and Atlanta Shriner Temple. He is a charter member of the Joseph Habersham Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and participates in the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard. Additionally, he holds membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the National Society of Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims.

A true champion for honoring our veterans, Larry co-founded the Habersham County Wall of Honor Veterans Park, ensuring that the service and sacrifice of our local veterans, past and present, are never forgotten.

Through decades of dedicated service, leadership, and community involvement, John Larry Whitfield has exemplified the highest standards of citizenship and commitment. It is with great respect and gratitude that the Habersham County Board of Commissioners recognizes him today for his outstanding contributions to our county and community.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in honoring Mr. John Larry Whitfield.