

City of Fayetteville Resolution

Resolution No. 2020-07

A Resolution to recognize Lucy Carter Williams.

Whereas, it is appropriate that the members of this Board of Mayor and Aldermen should honor Lucy Carter Williams who has performed with exceptional commitment and has strived to leave a positive imprint on her community and world; and

Whereas, Lucy Carter Williams is one such estimable person; and

Whereas, Lucy is a native of Lincoln County, the sixth of seven children born to Boyd and Becky Carter and grew up in Coldwater; and

Whereas, Lucy attended Fayetteville City Schools and Central High School and was a member of the first graduating class of Lincoln County High School in 1980; and

Whereas, Lucy is a 1982 graduate of Motlow State Community College where she fell in love with journalism after being inspired by her professors, and during this time, she interned at The Elk Valley Times; and

Whereas, Lucy graduated with honors from Middle Tennessee State University in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in English and journalism; and

Whereas, after spending four years working with The Journal, a newly-formed newspaper in Tullahoma, she moved back to her hometown of Fayetteville and joined The Elk Valley Times as editor; and

Whereas, during her tenure at The Elk Valley Times, Lucy won numerous Tennessee Press Association (TPA) awards, most recently first place in the state in the Category of "Breaking News" for coverage of the fire that destroyed Sirs Fabrics in Fayetteville; and

Whereas, Lucy is a dedicated member of the Fayetteville Rotary Club, becoming the third female welcomed to the club when she joined in 1995. She served as president for two terms, served as a board director for several years, chair of the Lincoln County Toy Drive and chair of several other committees. Presently, she is chairman of the membership committee. Lucy is a true Rotarian, living the Rotary's Four Way Test daily; and

Whereas, as a Rotarian, Lucy is a Paul Harris Fellow and recipient of the James Strong Hereford, Jr., Service above Self Award; and

Whereas, Lucy has served in various capacities with several boards of local non-profits and organizations, including Lincoln County Area Crime Stoppers, of which she was a founding member, and others too numerous to name. She is a staunch supporter of the work of the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau and was elected to the board of directors in 2008 and served as president in 2012. She has served on several Chamber committees since that time; and

Whereas, Lucy retired after 36 years in the newspaper business, 32 of those at The Elk Valley Times in Fayetteville; and

Whereas, in honor of her retirement, a scholarship has been established at Motlow State Community College. The Lucy Carter Williams Scholarship will benefit a mass communications student, and the first donation to the fund was presented by her long-time staff at The Elk Valley Times in appreciation of her years of service and dedication to the paper; and

Whereas, Lucy and her husband, Ricky, reside in Fayetteville. They enjoy riding their Harley-Davidson trike when their jobs permit; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that we extend to Lucy Carter Williams our sincerest thank you for her contributions in making our community and the world a better place.

READ AND ADOPTED this the 12th day of May, 2020.



Mayor Michael T. Whisenant