



— GEORGIA —
family connection
PARTNERSHIP

Resolution

Commending Virginia Walker for enriching the lives of children and families in Athens-Clarke County

WHEREAS: Virginia Walker served for a decade as Family Connection-Communities In Schools of Athens' Empowerment Project director and Diversity coordinator and long-time friend of the Collaborative; and

WHEREAS: she was a founding board member of Parents Across America—a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation initiative to expand the family engagement work—and was one of the Four Matrons—leaders of the civil rights movement in Athens, along with Miriam Moore, Jessie Barnett, and Evelyn Neely; and

WHEREAS: her leadership in Model Cities was instrumental in creating the Neighborhood Health Center, Family Counseling Service, Athens Child Development, and others, and pushed hard—and successfully—for the bridge from “East of Athens” to downtown as part of Model Cities; and

WHEREAS: she was a key leader in the response to the Edward Wright killing, which included redeveloping the Iron Triangle commercial area and recreation fields; creating the East Athens Development Corporation; establishing the Miriam Moore Community Center, community-oriented policing, and community garden; and

WHEREAS: Georgia Family Connection Partnership is immensely grateful for the countless lives of children and families forever enriched because of Virginia Walker's unique wisdom, powerful spirit, hard work, and dedication, and for bringing to the Collaborative table the voice of those Georgians who were too often left out; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Georgia Family Connection Partnership, that Virginia Walker is recognized and honored for her outstanding contributions to the Georgia Family Connection statewide network.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and had the seal of Georgia Family Connection Partnership, to be affixed hereunto, this 6th day of August 2018.

Gaye Morris Smith
Executive Director