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PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING THE RE-NAMING OF THE MONROE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR LARRY C. EVANS

WHEREAS, Monroe County Commissioners unanimously approved on April 7, 2026 to re-name the Monroe County Workforce Development Center and Old Hubbard Teachers Cottage after late District 1 Commissioner Larry C. Evans, who passed away on Oct. 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Evans faithfully served Monroe County as a commissioner for 33 years, making him the longest-tenured commissioner in the county's vast history; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Evans, a 1967 Hubbard High School graduate, became the first African American county commissioner in the county's history when he was elected in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Evans was a founding member of the Hubbard Alumni Association in 1987 and the organization's first president; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Evans was a driving force behind the restoration of the Hubbard complex, including the Hubbard Dormitory, which is on the National Historic Registry and houses the Monroe County Extension/4-H Office and the Hubbard Museum, and the Hubbard Teacher's Cottage, which is the current site of the Monroe County Workforce Development Center; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Evans also played a vital role in countless other Monroe County achievements over the past four decades, including the creation of a county water system, the opening of a new landfill, the establishment of Commission districts, the construction of a new county administration building, the creation of a County Manager form of government, the purchase of the Tift College Campus and subsequent sale of the property to the Georgia Department of Corrections, the building and eventual expansion of the Monroe County Recreation Department, and the renovation of the 130-year-old Monroe County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Evans consistently served Monroe County citizens with passion, dignity, and respect; and

RESOLVED, that congratulations are sent to Commissioner Evans' family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Commissioner Evans' wife Annie.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alan Gibbs, Chairman, on behalf of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that the name, Larry C. Evans, has been permanently affixed to the Old Teachers Cottage building and call this observance to attention of our citizens.

SO PROCLAIMED, this 5th day of May, 2026.

Alan Gibbs, Chairman

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