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NEWS RELEASE

East Point Trailblazers Honored at Green Space Dedication Ceremony

EAST POINT, GEORGIA September 25, 2015 – African American Trailblazers now have a permanent memorial in the City of East Point. They were honored in a Green Space Dedication Ceremony attended by residents, City officials and visitors over the weekend. The ceremony was held at the location of the plot of land on Ale Circle between Redwine Road and Pomona Way in Ward D of the City of East Point. Ward D Council Member Dr. LaTonya Martin indicated that the African Americans recognized were persons first to hold elected, executive and general positions in the City of East Point, not only becoming model leaders and pacesetters, but role models for generations to come.

Among the African Americans (AA) recognized for service to the City of East Point were Ronnie Few, first AA Male Fire Chief; Cecelia Douglas, first AA Female Council Member; Rashida Oliver, first AA East Point Municipal Court Judge; Gregory Fann, first AA elected in Ward A At-Large; former Georgia House Representative, District 62 Joe Heckstall, first AA East Point City Council Member; Patsy Joe Hilliard, first AA Mayor; Alexander Gothard, first AA male elected to Ward A; Brenda James, first AA City Clerk; Frank Brown, first AA Police Chief and Rosemary R. Cloud, first AA Female Fire Chief not only in the City of East Point, but in the United States.

In the occasion, Council Member Dr. Martin indicated why it was important to celebrate the achievements of those recognized. “It was because of their struggles, sacrifices, dedication and hard work that helped shape, and mold the City of East Point into what it is today” stated Council Member Martin. “We have to look at the past before we can move forward, it’s important to celebrate the progress we’ve made,” said Council Member Martin. Each honoree was presented a Proclamation by Council Member Myron B. Cook, Ward C on behalf of Mayor Jannquell Peters and all East Point City Council Members. Closing Remarks were made by East Point Council Member Sharon Shropshire, Ward A At-Large.

(Photograph follows)



City of East Point Trailblazers Honored in Green Space Dedication

Pictured Left to Right – Row 1/Seated

Joe Heckstall; Judge Rashida Oliver; Patsy Jo Hilliard; Ann Douglas; Brenda James; Former East Point Fire Chief Rosemary R. Cloud

Pictured Left to Right – Row 2/Standing

East Point (EP) Council Member (CM) Myron Cook, Ward C; EPCM Sharon Shropshire, Ward A; EPCM Deana Holiday Ingraham, Ward D; EPCM Karen Rene', Ward B; EPCM (and Honoree) Alexander Gothard, Ward A; Former East Point Fire Chief Ronnie Few; EPCM LaTonya Martin, Ward D

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