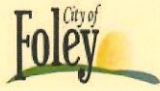


From the Governing Body of the
CITY OF FOLEY, ALABAMA



Proclamation

- Whereas,** Mrs. Sara Alise Martin Thompson was born in Birmingham, Alabama, and;
- Whereas,** She graduated from Woodlawn High School and went to the University of Alabama where she earned her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, and;
- Whereas,** She taught school in Huntsville, AL for seven years and this is where she married David Paul Thompson and they were married 55 years and had two sons, David Paul Jr. and Daniel, and;
- Whereas,** She moved to Tuscaloosa, AL where she then had her daughter, Dawn, and taught kindergarten for 9 years. During this time, she earned her MA in Education while teaching and being a full-time mom, and;
- Whereas,** In 1983, the family moved to Foley, Alabama where she taught one year at Bayside Academy and then began teaching 2nd grade at Foley Elementary School, where she was quickly awarded Teacher of the Year, introduced Read Across America Day and received many other honors. Sara loved teaching and had a passion for helping all the kids, and she ended every school day with a hug from every one of them. She went on to earn her Principal Certification, the PHD of Teaching, and she taught specialized reading before retiring from Foley Elementary after 20 years. Even after retiring she remained close friends with many teachers and kept up with all her previous students, and;
- Whereas,** Sara was also heavily involved in her church and community through the years. In her church, she has been in the Presbyterian Women's Group, a deacon, session member, Clerk of the Session, she helped with the LOGOS program, directed Bible School, and taught children's Sunday School. She served on the South Baldwin Education Foundation, was the PTA president, P.E.O., served on the Library Board, and in Friends of the Library where she managed the bookstore. Additionally, she served in multiple teaching honor societies including Kappa Delta Pi and Delta Kappa Gamma where she was a member for over 40 years. One of Sara and David's favorite activities was spending time with their life-long friends in the same Supper Club for over 40 years, and;
- Whereas,** Of all her many accomplishments through the years, one of her most notable ones goes back to the spring of 2000 when Sara, with the help of her 2nd grade social studies class, began a project that developed into the City of Foley Kids Park. With much help from the community with lobbying, fundraising, and construction, a new state of the art Kid's Park was built in March 2001, and;
- Whereas,** Sara was a true Christian and she lived by example, she has raised a wonderful family, and has taught so many students throughout her career. She has faced many health challenges the last several years, but in spite of all of this, and with the help of her husband, she persevered and remained a pillar in the church, in her family, in her community, and she was loved by all.

Now, therefore, I, Ralph Hellmich, Mayor of the City of Foley, Alabama, and on behalf of the City of Foley City Council, do hereby declare that we take public and official recognition of:

Mrs. Sara Alise Martin Thompson

for her many years of devotion to God, her family, her church, her community, and teaching.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Foley, Alabama, this 15th day of August, 2022.

ATTEST:

Kathryn Saylor