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## Mayor Jacobs, Commission to Honor Wanda Moody

*KNOXVILLE, Tenn.*— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and the Knox County Commission will honor former long-time Commissioner and local leader Wanda Moody this evening in gratitude for her many contributions to this community.

Moody, who spent more than 30 years as an educator, died on Nov. 29, 2020, at the age of 91.

Moody was the third woman elected to the Knox County Commission and served for two decades from 1986-2006. As a Commissioner, she was a vocal proponent of increased government accountability and transparency and she led the charge on many reforms that continue to influence Knox County Government today.

“Ms. Moody was an incredible public servant,” said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. “I am grateful for her influence on Knox County and for the inspiration I know she provided for so many community leaders.”

“Wanda was an inspiration to many, including me,” said District 3 Commissioner Randy Smith “She can rest in peace knowing she did great things for Knox County.”

Moody served as a member of the Metropolitan Planning Commission from 1976-1982, on the boards of the Mabry Hazen Foundation, Leadership Knoxville, the Alcoa Foundation and the Knoxville Tourism and Sports Corporation.

A Knox County native, she graduated from Bearden High School and the University of Tennessee where she earned a Bachelor of Science in education and a Master’s degree in special education.

Mayor Jacobs and the Board of Commissioners will read the honorary resolution during the board’s meeting, which starts at 5 p.m.

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