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**Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners**

**Honoring the Life and Work of Lee and Edith Calhoun**

Whereas, after retiring from the U.S. Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Creighton Lee Calhoun moved to Chatham County with his wife Edith and together they set down roots that bind our forbearers, ourselves and generations to come;

Whereas, the Calhouns researched, gathered, and preserved over 550 rare Southern heritage apple varieties, over 300 of which are now coming into bud on their orchard off Russell Chapel Road, including ‘Aunt Rachel’ a cultivar native to Chatham County;

Whereas, Lee Calhoun authored numerous articles on identification or grafting and ‘Old Southern Apples,’ the indispensable guide to current and lost varieties which has gone through two editions;

Whereas, the Calhouns’ work has gained national and international recognition in the preservation and historical explanation of our apple heritage;

Whereas, Lee Calhoun donated his valuable papers to the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina so that others may build upon his work;

Whereas, the Calhouns’ generosity and acumen has resulted in newly planted orchards of varieties nearly lost to time, notably at Century Farm Orchard in Caswell County, Horne Creek Living Historical Farm in Stokes County, and throughout the United States;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners formally honors the lives of Edith Calhoun, who died in 2011, and Lee Calhoun, who died last month. Their work will bear fruit for generations to come.

Adopted, this the 15 day of June, 2020.

Karen Howard, Chair  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, NCCCC, Clerk to the Board  
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