COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Jack Smith
Meeting Date:	Thursday, June 24, 2010	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Presentation of a Resolution to the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution recognizing the observance of the "National Let Freedom Ring" Bell Ringing Ceremony on July 4.

Background/History/Details:

Members of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution hold a bell ringing ceremony on the Old Courthouse lawn on the 4th of July each year in recognition of the ringing of the Liberty Bell on July 4, 1776 upon the signing of the Declaration of Independence. These bell ringing ceremonies take place all across the nation. This resolution is in recognition of that event.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Presentation of Resolution. Members of the Marquis de LaFayette Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will be presentation.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

Resolution

"Let Freedom Ring Celebration"

WHEREAS, The tolling of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall in Philadelphia at two o'clock in the afternoon of July 4, 1776 punctuated the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, marking the birth of the United States of America which would thereafter become a free and independent nation; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the anniversary of this most significant of events should be appropriately observed each year throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States resolved in 1963 that the Anniversary of the Adoption of the Declaration of Independence should be observed each year by the ringing of bells throughout America when the clock strikes two o'clock in Philadelphia, eastern daylight time, on the Fourth Day of July;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS BODY, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA, by way of this resolution, acknowledges the 234th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence to be celebrated in our community by the upcoming "National Let Freedom Ring" Bell Ringing Ceremony to be held on the grounds of the Old Historic Fayette County Courthouse on the Fourth Day of July, in this year of2010. We call upon our citizens to pause and give homage to the founders of our nation who dared to pen documents of freedom, independence, and hope for a nation of people struggling to achieve self-sufficiency and the right to pursue dreams of a life free of political and religious oppression.

Further, we recognize members of the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and their efforts to keep history accurate and alive by continuing to remind and re-educate our citizens about of a small group of men all those years ago who could envision an independent new nation and who had the wisdom, courage and synergy to move a people forward to make their vision of freedom a reality.

So resolved this 24th Day of June, 2010, by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Jack R. Smith, Chairman