COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, April 11, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition of Mr. Chuck Faison in honor of his rescue efforts during the Weatherly Walk Apartment fire.

Background/History/Details:

On March 14, 2013, the whole 700 section of the Weatherly Walk Apartments caught fire.

As the section was being consumed with flames, maintenance worker Chuck Faison, along with Mr. Mike Gutheridge and Amanda Laudicinia, rushed to the blaze. The three began breaking windows, using makeshift tools, in an effort to save as many people as possible.

During their rescue attempts, Mr. Faison heard Ms. Kathleen Rojas screaming. She was hanging out of the second story holding her four year old daughter, Brianna. Mr. Faison and Ms. Laudicinia urged Ms. Rojas to drop her daughter, with Mr. Faison urging her to "Throw the baby, throw the baby, I'll catch the baby!" Ms. Rojas then dropped the baby. Due to the sloping landscape around the building, the drop was more like a three-foot fall. Incredibly, Mr. Faison caught baby Brianna. Next, Ms. Rojas came out of the window and Mr. Faison caught her too!

The Fayette County Board of Commissioners, and all of the first responders to the fire, would like to recognize Mr. Faison in honor of his rescue efforts during the Weatherly Walk Apartment Fires.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Recognition of Mr. Chuck Faison in honor of his rescue efforts during the Weatherly Walk Apartment fire.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

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

Staff Notes:

PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF MR. QUANTARIOUS "CHUCK" FAISON

WHEREAS, Mr. Quantarious "Chuck" Faison is a valued employee with Alexander Property Group, working maintenance for ten years; and

WHEREAS, On March 14, 2013, Chuck reported to work for what he anticipated to be an ordinary day at Weatherly Walk Apartments ; and

WHEREAS, At 1:22 p.m., Fayette County's E-911 Communications Center received a call initially reporting a grass fire, but what was quickly understood to be a large and growing fire at the 700 Section of Weatherly Walk Apartments; and

WHEREAS, Immediately upon learning of the fire, Chuck, fellow maintenance man Mike Gutheridge, and Community Manager Amanda Laudicinia rushed to the site to find a blaze that was out of control and trapping several residents inside; and

WHEREAS, All three began utilizing whatever tools they could find to break windows and free the trapped residents giving little regard to their own safety; and

WHEREAS, During the rescue effort, Chuck found Ms. Kathleen Rojas hanging out of a second story window with her four year old daughter, Brianna, and

WHEREAS, Chuck called to Ms. Rojas, urging her to "Throw the baby, Throw the baby, I'll catch the baby!", and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rojas dropped Brianna out of the second floor window, and, given the slope of the property, the little girl fell from nearly a three-story height, and

WHEREAS, Chuck caught Brianna and then caught Ms. Rojas who also escaped out of the window

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, WE, THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS do hereby recognize **Mr. Quantarious "Chuck" Faison** and in doing we commend him for his heroic efforts in saving the lives of two people, and we also thank him and his fellow workers for their selfless and courageous actions on behalf of others.

So Recognized this 11th Day of April 2013

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Steve Brown, Chairman