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Troup County Employee Recognition Program Renamed: “The Richard English, Jr. Strongest Link Award of Excellence”

Troup County, Ga. August 18, 2021 – The Troup County Government employee recognition program formerly known as “The Strongest Link Award of Excellence” has been renamed to honor the late Commissioner Richard English, Jr. and his outstanding dedication and service to our community. Starting at the Board of Commissioners’ meeting on September 7, 2021, the August recipient will receive “The Richard English, Jr. Strongest Link Award of Excellence.”

First presented in July of 2019, The Strongest Link Award of Excellence recognizes an employee each month, and each year, who has proven to be the “Strongest Link” by going above and beyond the call of duty to strengthen the connection between the Troup County Government and its citizens. Along with various contributions made by local businesses, recipients are awarded a plaque which commemorates their exceptional efforts.

Human Resources Specialist Wesleigh Gaddy, along with Troup County Manager Eric L. Mosley, played an integral role in creating this program. “My biggest goal has always been to leave Troup County better than I found it,” said Gaddy. “I knew I wanted to find a way to boost employee morale and give back to those who work for Troup County, so Eric and I worked together to create The Strongest Link Program.”

Troup County Human Resources Director Valerie P. Heard stated, “I was very excited at the inception of this Award Program because it’s a way to honor and reward employees for their hard work and dedication to Troup County. Renaming the award to ‘The Richard English, Jr. Strongest Link Award of Excellence’ is a highly deserved and appropriate act of recognition for the program. Commissioner English served on the Board of Commissioners for 43 years, which is truly remarkable! This is an incredible way to honor his memory and his commitment to Troup County for many years to come!”

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