



ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

DATE: December 14, 2022

**ISSUE SUMMARY: Resolution Honoring the Life of Dr. Lois J. Ricci, Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee on Aging**

**FROM:** Romona Jackson-Jones, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee on Aging

**IMPORTANCE:**

Dr. Lois J. Ricci, long-time advisor to the Atlanta Regional Commission, and co-chair of the ARC Advisory Committee on Aging, passed away on November 4, 2022. The Advisory Committee on Aging requests the ARC Board to consider approval of this resolution honoring Dr. Ricci's impactful life and her service to ARC.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Board Adoption



**RESOLUTION BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION TO HONOR DR. LOIS J. RICCI**

**WHEREAS**, the Atlanta Regional Commission and Georgia’s aging network lost a valued member, leader and educator on November 4, 2022, with the death of Dr. Lois J. Ricci;

**WHEREAS**, for more than 50 years, Dr. Ricci was a tireless educator, compassionate provider of health and social services, and outspoken advocate for the well-being of older persons;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ricci served as an advisor to the Atlanta Regional Commission for more than 14 years, volunteering her time to serve on the Aging and Health Resources Committee of the ARC Board beginning in 2008;

**WHEREAS**, at the time of her passing, Dr. Ricci co-chaired the Atlanta Regional Commission’s Advisory Committee on Aging, providing leadership to enhance aging services in this region today as well as planning for the future of its rapidly growing older population;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ricci served as a faculty member in several regional educational institutions, including Emory University, Kennesaw State University, and Clayton State University;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ricci, at the time of her passing, chaired the Tucker Civic Association’s Lifelong Community Committee and successfully championed the work to have Tucker designated by AARP as an “Age Friendly City;”

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Ricci, at the time of her passing, served as president of the Georgia Gerontology Society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of this Commission honor the memory of Dr. Lois J. Ricci, celebrate her legacy of advocacy for older persons, and remember her service to the Atlanta Regional Commission;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be delivered to John B. Ricci, in honor of his late wife, Dr. Lois J. Ricci.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on December 14, 2022.

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Charissa White-Fulks, ARC Board Secretary