

Service Commendation
BONNY AVERY

WHEREAS, Bonny Avery began her employment September 12, 1977 with the City of Troy at the Library as a full time librarian under a government program called CETA. When the program ended, she continued her employment, while also working to obtain her Master's in Library Science; and

WHEREAS, Bonny ultimately became head of the Youth Services Division and on July 1, 1985 **Bonny** was promoted to Librarian II; and

WHEREAS, Bonny's favorite parts of her job have been Story Times, working with the patrons, and continuing to expand the offerings of the Troy Public Library's Youth Section; and

WHEREAS, Bonny was a bit reluctant to become a storyteller, but her supervisor insisted she learn and through the years she grew to love it. Children she has read to over the years are now moms bringing their children, and moms who brought their children are now grandmothers bringing their grandchildren to enjoy **Bonny's** stories.

WHEREAS, Bonny retired from the City of Troy on **February 20, 2009** after **32 years of dedicated service**; and

WHEREAS, Bonny has been married to her husband Doug for more than 45 years. They have two daughters, Kathy and Laura, who Bonny practiced her storytelling on when they were as young as five years old. Her granddaughter Lily has also served as an inspiration for her storytelling; and

WHEREAS, In her retirement **Bonny** plans lots of travel starting with an Eastern Caribbean cruise, spending lots of time with her new grandchild, volunteering at her church, reading the books she has piled up over the years, as well as attending lunch, movies and trips to the casino with friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That the City Council of the City of Troy takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to **Bonny Avery** for her many contributions to the betterment of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN That the City Council of the City of Troy, on behalf of themselves, City management and the citizens of the City of Troy, extends wishes of prosperity, good health and happiness to **Bonny** during her retirement years.

Presented the 16th day of February 2009.