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County Names 2021 Hometown Heroes

DINWIDDIE, VA – Each February since 2015, the Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors has named Hometown Heroes in recognition of Black History Month. Nominations are solicited from the community, and in order to be eligible, must be a native or current resident of Dinwiddie County, and have made a significant contribution in one or more specified areas. These areas include government, law enforcement, education, public safety, the faith community, business, the advancement of civil rights, and agriculture. This year's honorees are Mrs. Carolyn Smith and Mr. John Bonner.

Carolyn A. Smith is a lifelong resident of Dinwiddie County and was nominated for her contributions to the community through law enforcement.

John W. Bonner, also a native of Dinwiddie County, was nominated for his contributions to the community in category of agriculture.

Harrison Moody, Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors served on this year's selection committee, and stated "It was an honor to serve on the selection committee for the 2021 Hometown Heroes program. I feel these are two outstanding honorees. As a farmer, I am especially pleased to see those recognized for contributions in agriculture category. Local farmers feed America."

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Brenda Ebron-Bonner shared, "I applaud this year's honorees and appreciate what they have done for the Dinwiddie community. Mr. Bonner has been a strong advocate for Black farmers and Mrs. Smith was the first African-American female Deputy in Dinwiddie County's history. These two individuals have paved the way for future generations and we are all thankful for their contributions."

County Administrator, Kevin Massengill stated, "I always look forward to the Hometown Heroes recognition. The pandemic caused us to change the way we celebrate this year, as we were not able to make the formal presentation during our February Board of Supervisors meeting. We plan to celebrate when it is safe to do so, until then we congratulate this year's honorees, who have truly made a difference in the areas of law enforcement and agriculture in Dinwiddie County."

To learn more about Dinwiddie County's 2021 Hometown Heroes, visit www.Dinwiddieva.us.

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