

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION 12-205

HONORING THE WOODRUFF FAMILY

WHEREAS, the Woodruff Family is being honored by the Bridgeton Main Street Association at their Bridgeton Legends Program as part of their annual celebration of people who make a difference on September 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Woodruff family has been supplying energy in various forms in Cumberland County since 1869, beginning with coal through the first 80 years of the company's existence to fuel oil and now biofuels and natural gas, while expanding their service area through the years throughout South Jersey; and

WHEREAS, various members of the Woodruff family have been involved in the growth of our community and have taken active civic leadership roles through the years in Upper Deerfield Township; and

WHEREAS, George J. Woodruff served on the Township Committee of Upper Deerfield Township from May 1940 through December 1969, serving as Mayor and Chairman from 1955 through 1968 and also served as a member of the Upper Deerfield Township Planning Board from 1960 until 1968; and

WHEREAS, J. Alan Woodruff served on the Upper Deerfield Township Board of Education from December 1963 through April 1982, serving as Board President from March 1969 through April 1982; and

WHEREAS, Robert Woodruff served on the New Jersey State Board of Education from 1986 through 2002, serving as the President of the Board from 1996 through 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Deerfield Township Board of Education at a meeting on Oct 21, 1975 proclaimed that the new 6th to 8th grade school be known as the Woodruff School, named after the prominent George J. Woodruff family which had been a dynamic part of Upper Deerfield Township providing fine leadership and guidance in both community and educational capacities; and

WHEREAS, family members have served in numerous civic organizations including Bridgeton Rotary, United Way, Bay Atlantic Symphony, Cumberland County Economic Development and Bridgeton Jaycees to name a few.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, that the Woodruff Family be recognized and honored for their past community service in Upper Deerfield Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee does on behalf of the community hereby express its gratitude to the Woodruff Family, acknowledging the services family members have provided the community over the years; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be formally and permanently made a part of the minutes of this Body and a copy presented to the Woodruff Family with the Township Committee's sincerest appreciation and congratulations.

James P. Crilley, Chairman

John T. O'Neill, Sr., Vice Chairman

John L. Daddario, Committeeman

Bruce T. Peterson, Committeeman

Scott Smith, Committeeman

Attest:
August 16, 2012

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk