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**Statement by Councilmember Dickens on the Death of Barney Simms**

“This weekend we learned of the tragic news of the death of Barney Simms, an Atlanta community and civic leader. Barney was a friend and I grieve with his family and friends for a life cut short.

“Barney was a kind and determined soul who worked tirelessly for so many things that matter most, especially for those who have not always felt the Grace of fortune. He worked for our children, for affordable housing, for safe neighborhoods. I am sad for our beloved city for his loss. It is incumbent upon each of us to take up his legacy and humbly serve all of our citizens.”

"In this time of grief, I am heartened by the legacy of service he leaves behind – it is a legacy that we should share with our children so that they can learn from his example that a life well lived can change a city – and, more importantly, its people – for the better."– **Andre Dickens, Atlanta City Council, Post 3 At- Large**