

Roy Drinkard Commissioned “Honorary Cullman Colonel”



Long-time Cullman businessman Roy Drinkard received a special honor at the July 12th Cullman City Council meeting. He was commissioned an “Honorary Cullman Colonel” by Cullman Mayor Max A. Townson and Cullman County Commission Chairman James D. Graves. The honor was bestowed in recognition of Mr. Drinkard’s 90th birthday.

The “Honorary Cullman Colonel” is a new honor, modeled after the “Honorary Kentucky Colonel” title that is bestowed by the governor of Kentucky. Mayor Townson and Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Director Kirk Mancer came up with the idea.

“Kirk and I were talking one day and decided that since Cullman was founded by a Colonel – Col. Cullmann – that we, too, could create an honorary title to bestow upon deserving individuals that would honor Col. Cullmann’s legacy,” said Mayor Townson. “Roy is one of the most deserving people I know to receive the title ‘Honorary Cullman Colonel’ because of his many years of helping Cullman grow and prosper.”

During the Cullman City Council meeting, Mr. Drinkard was presented with a

certificate which read: “Whereas, Cullman was founded by Colonel John G. Cullmann and the City of Cullman and Cullman County appreciate Colonel Cullmann’s vision for our community and honor his name and legacy. Now, therefore, know ye that Roy Drinkard is hereby commissioned an ‘Honorary Cullman Colonel.’ The city and county governments hereby confer this honor with all the rights, privileges, & responsibilities thereunto appertaining.” The certificate is signed by both Mayor Townson and Chairman Graves.



Photo #1: Chairman Graves and Mayor Townson present the “Honorary Cullman Colonel” certificate to Roy Drinkard on his 90th birthday.

Photo #2: L-R – Councilman Johnny Cook, Chairman Graves, Council President Garlan Gudger, Jr., Roy Drinkard, Chamber Director Kirk Mancer, Councilwoman Jenny Folsom, Councilman Andy Page, Mayor Townson, Councilman Clint Hollingsworth