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From: Guinevere Waite <guinwaite@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 5:00 PM
To: Squares
Subject: [Caution - External Email] Renaming of Calhoun square

I've, Guinevere Waite, have lived here my entire 52 years of life. All of my ancestors are buried from Bonaventure cemetery to little forgotten cemeteries out in the surrounding counties. I have emailed Mayor Van Johnson, and been given his offer of support for my nomination.

Growing up, the only woman I had to look up to was Juliette Gordon Low. Any time I learned history of Savannah it was always about something a man was known for. I don't remember ever being taught anything about Mary Musgrove in school. She was someone I'd learned about on my own. I'd like to see more women honored within the community. Savannah is like a melting pot for all races, religions, and sexual orientations. I'd like to see more diversity recognized in our history. Honoring a Native American woman, Mary Musgrove, would be a great start to changing a negative into a positive. An example for other towns to follow.

Thank you,
Guinevere Waite
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My nomination:

Musgrove Square

Mary Musgrove acted as interpreter to General Oglethorpe, the "founder" of Savannah. Mixed with Native American and European, she spoke both languages and helped promote peace and settle disagreements between natives and colonists. She went on to own several trading posts. Her most famous post was excavated in 2002, revealing much about Native American culture.

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Office of the Mayor Savannah, Georgia

Van R. Johnson, II
Mayor

May 31, 2023

City Hall
2 East Bay Street
Savannah, Georgia 31402

Re: Naming Request Endorsement for Consideration- 'Musgrove Square'

To Whom It May Concern,

I, Mayor Van Johnson, II, officially endorse the naming request for consideration to name the public square located on Abercorn and East Wayne Streets, to 'Musgrove Square' in accordance with City Ordinance and the process outlined within 'Article E. Naming of Public Property, Facilities, and Streets'.

I look forward to this application advancing within the process as required by City Code.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Mayor Van Johnson