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SPOTLIGHT ON THE - LEGACY DINNER -

Established in 2014, the Black Belt Legacy Dinner honors leaders from throughout the state of Alabama who have distinguished themselves in providing leadership and support of BBCF's mission in helping the foundation to realize its mission. Funds raised in honor of these distinguished leaders have provided grant support for nonprofits in the Black Belt Region.

PAST LEGACY DINNER HONOREES



2014: **Henry "Hank" Sanders**, Alabama Senator; & **Julian H. Smith, Jr.**, Retired V.P. of Alabama Power



2015: **Dr. Carol Zippert**, Black Belt community organizer & author; **George McMillan Jr**, former Alabama Lieutenant Governor; & **Judge John England, Jr.**, former member of AL Supreme Court

2016: **John D. Johns**, former CEO of Protective Life Insurance



2019: **Dr. Ed Partridge**, former Director of University of Alabama at Birmingham Cancer Center

2017, 2018, 2020-2023: Legacy Dinner not held

2024 BLACK BELT LEGACY DINNER



We are pleased to announce the return of BBCF's Black Belt Legacy Dinner on **Thursday, October 3, 2024**, at the Harbert Center in Birmingham, Alabama. We ask for your support on this special night to celebrate the strength, heart, and soul of our Region. Scan the QR code above to see the various sponsorship levels along with the benefits associated with each level of support. You can also purchase a ticket to attend this wonderful event or donate the cost of a ticket for a Black Belt resident to attend.

2024 Black Belt Legacy Dinner Honors Chris Womack

It is rare to be a favorite son of your hometown, like Chris Womack is to Greenville, Alabama. But to also be a favorite son of his county (Butler) and his state (Alabama) is a lifetime achievement and legacy to Alabama's Black Belt. On **Thursday, October 3, 2024** the Black Belt Community Foundation will host their Legacy Dinner, honoring Chris Womack, chairman, president, and CEO of Southern Company, headquartered in Atlanta, GA.

Since joining Southern Company in 1988, Mr. Womack has worked his way up through Southern's executive ranks for 36 years to become the leader of one of the largest deliverers of electricity and natural gas in the United States (Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi Power are three of Southern Company's nine subsidiaries).



Chris Womack, Chairman, President, and CEO of Southern Company, will be honored at the 2024 Black Belt Legacy Dinner held on Thursday, October 3, 2024 in Birmingham, AL.

"The Legacy Dinner will celebrate Chris Womack's Greenville roots, enduring imprint and legacy, on the Black Belt, the state of Alabama, the Southeast, and beyond," stated Felicia Lucky, President and CEO of the Black Belt Community Foundation. "His leadership has supported Southern Company initiatives and investments that reverberate throughout the Black Belt communities and also align with the mission and values of our Foundation", according to Lucky. Womack credits his birthplace stating, "The work ethic I learned growing up in Greenville has been an important part of who I am today." Womack's family was committed to being involved in the community and in the school. "Those things I learned back then, have been very important to me," he said. "They have been major factors in the success I have been able to experience."



Southern Company

Chris Womack's leadership at Southern Company is apparent through the company's success both economically and philanthropically. Initiatives that highlight and invest in criminal justice equity, economic empowerment, and energy empowerment bear Womack's fingerprints. The Legacy Dinner is also highlighting and honoring Womack's commitment to community as a central piece of his legacy.

Through his personal and professional leadership, Mr. Womack's commitment to "community" is notable. Womack articulates his legacy through the lens of an area he devotes time, resources and attention to, education's impact on our future generations. "Kids, need to stay in school," he said. "It's critically important that you graduate and that you get your degree. The marketplace is so competitive. Then, you decide what you want to do in terms of continuing education. You decide what path you want to take. Decide what you want to be and put your plan together and work hard. Build relationships with people. Be nice to people. Work well and be a good team member. I think if you do those things, you have a good chance of being successful."

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