



GALLERY OF DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS INDUCTEE 1994

ODESSA WOOLFOLK, a native of Birmingham, grew up in Titusville and attended Ullman and Parker High Schools. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Political Science and a Master of Arts Degree in Urban Studies. After returning to Ullman High School to teach, Ms. Woolfolk became an Administrator for the Jefferson County Committee for Economic Development. For 10 years, she was Director of the UAB Center for Urban Affairs and adjunct lecturer in the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs.

Ms. Woolfolk chaired the Comprehensive Needs Assessment Committee for the Birmingham Board of Education, Request for Proposals Committee of the Private Industry Council, Community Affairs Committee of Operation New Birmingham and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Task Force. She served as President and Chair of Operation New Birmingham, State-Chair of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Vice Chair of the Alabama State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission of Civil Rights, and Co-Chair of the United Way Campaign. She is a former Commissioner of the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District.

Many community service citations have been awarded to Ms. Woolfolk including, but not limited to, Birmingham Career Woman of the Year, The Liberty Bell Award presented by the Birmingham Bar Association, National Business League President's Award, Young Men's Business Club Citizen of the Year, The Birmingham News Award, Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce "Quality of Life Award" and the United Negro College Fund Distinguished Leadership Award. Ms. Woolfolk has received the Service Award from the Titusville Neighborhood Association and she was a Board Member at Citizens Federal Savings & Loan Bank. She was the first President of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Board of Directors.

In November 1993, The University of Alabama at Birmingham established the "Odessa Woolfolk Presidential Community Service Award" in her honor.