

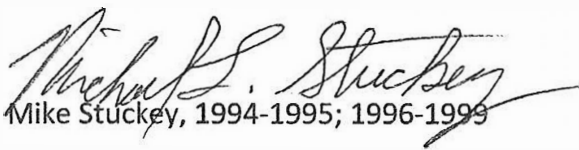
July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

To the citizens of Pine Lake:

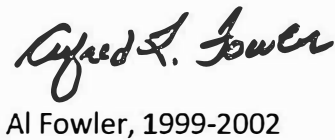
We, the undersigned, had the privilege of serving as mayors of Pine Lake Georgia from 1996 to the present day.

We sign this letter to reflect our support of the re-naming of Forrest Road. One of the many challenges that our tiny city faces is the shedding the undeniably racist beginnings of Pine Lake in the '30s. (Like many towns, black people were originally not permitted to buy property here.) A persistent symbol of those beginnings is Forrest Drive.

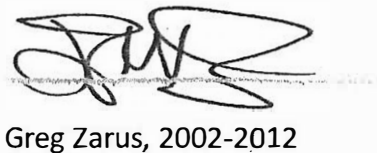
Regardless of whether Forrest Drive was actually named after Nathan Bedford Forrest or not (a prominent leader of the Ku Klux Klan), the street now stands as a silent yet potent reminder of the days of white supremacy. Each of us individually stands against the racism it suggests, and go on record as affirming the citizens' efforts to change the name to Forest Drive, a name more in keeping with our city in the woodlands.



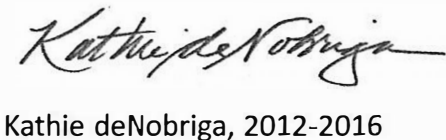
Mike Stuckey, 1994-1995; 1996-1999



Al Fowler, 1999-2002



Greg Zarus, 2002-2012



Kathie deNobriga, 2012-2016



Melanie Hammet, 2016-current