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To honor and recognize Ms. Thelma Williams Huston as she celebrates the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Thelma Williams Huston was born on October 31, 1926 in Toledo, Ohio to Mr. James and Mrs. Pearl Williams; she was reared, by her parents in a Christian home. In her early years, she became a member of Grace Presbyterian Church and St. Paul Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio; she later joined the assembly of believers at Second Baptist Church in Warren, Ohio; then Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Ecorse, Michigan, and finally Second Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio where she continues to be a faithful member; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Huston, a teacher and administrator by profession, attended Toledo Public schools; she later earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from the University of Toledo in 1948; and enjoyed a career in education that spanned over 40 years; "Mother Huston" taught school in Toledo, Ohio, Warren, Ohio, Taylor, Michigan and finally in Columbus, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Thelma Williams Huston, recognizing the importance of continuing her education, also pursued graduate studies at the University of Michigan, the University of Toledo, Indiana -Purdue University, Youngstown State University, the University of Detroit and Eastern Michigan University; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Huston married Dr. Richard Allen Huston in 1949 and remained married until his passing in 2002; from this union Thelma and Richard raised two loving sons: Mr. Richard Allen Huston Jr. and Mr. William "Bill" Lloyd Huston, Sr., both retired educators. Richard Jr. is a Veteran of the U. S. Army and a retired teacher, who lives in Columbus, Ohio. Bill is a retired principal who lives in Huntsville, Alabama; Ms. Huston has also been blessed with two caring daughters-in-laws: Ms. Sheryl Smith Huston of Columbus and Dr. Dorothy Williams Huston of Huntsville, Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Huston has also been blessed with four grandchildren: Mrs. Patrice Huston Johnson and her husband Mr. Raymond Johnson of Columbus, Mr. William L. Huston, Jr., and his wife Mrs. Tu Vy Nguyen Huston of Palo Alto, California, Mr. James Allen Huston of Washington, DC and Ms. Mary Katharine Huston, a doctoral student at Mississippi State University in Starkville, MS. Moreover, she also has one doting great-grandson, Tyler Johnson of Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Huston, over the years, has been active in a number of professional and service organizations, including: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the National Education Association, the Ohio Education Association, the Teacher Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the YMCA Board of Directors in Wyandotte, Michigan; Family and Neighborhood Services in Detroit, Michigan, The Lunch Bunch, Columbus, Ohio, and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center Women's Service Board; She and her late sister, Mrs. Ruby Jordan, were also active members of Bible Study Fellowship (BSF), where she emerged as one of its local leaders; Upon retiring from teaching in Michigan, Mother Huston and her late husband Dr. Richard Allen Huston Sr., a retired principal and former Superintendent of Education for Ecorse Michigan Public Schools, started the Columbus Laboratory School at the Second

Baptist Church on the near eastside of Columbus, now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby honor and recognize Ms. Thelma Williams Huston as she celebrates the occasion of her 90th birthday.