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To commemorate, honor and celebrate the 100th Birthday of Mrs. Grace Marion Nowling Greene.

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus and the members of Columbus City Council are proud to honor and celebrate the legends, legacies, and trailblazers of this community as they represent the prosperity and the transformational leadership that has come to define the tradition of excellence in our community; and

WHEREAS, Grace Marion Nowling Greene was born on September 20, 1919, in Charleston, West Virginia - as one of 10 children born to Clarence and Mary A. Nowling - she's resided in Charleston, West Virginia until the mid-1940's and relocated to Columbus, Ohio around 1945; and

WHEREAS, Grace married James Greene on June 8, 1946 and to their union two children were born: Gracia Elaine Greene Brown, and James Ronald Greene (Ronnie) - Gracia is the wife of Charles Brown, Jr., the mother of Charles Brown III (Carlito) and Crystal Brown, and grandmother of Makiyah and Gabriella. James is the husband of Charlene, step father to Stephanie and Brooks Fields, and grandfather of Janaiah Fields; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Greene attended Garnett High School in Charleston, West Virginia and after coming to Columbus, attended Poro School of Cosmetology, the Columbus Technical Institute and Franklin University - she has been employed as a beautician, a machinist at Curtis Wright and at North American Rockwell; and has worked in the food service department as a cashier at St. Ann's Hospital, prior to retiring; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Greene joined Caldwell Temple AME Zion Church, now First AME Zion Church, in September of 1946 - over the years she's served as a member of the Stewardess Board, the Lay Council and as a Life Members Matron - She has also served the Governor of the State of West Virginia for the All States Tea - She often reflects on how many people were unaware that she was the sister of two other members-Melvin Nowling Sr. and the late Ralph Nowling Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Grace had a passion for traveling, especially with members of her sorority, Alpha Chi Pi Omega-Phi Zeta Mu Chapter - After the passing of her husband, in 1993, she's lived alone until September of 2012 when she began residing with her children and their families - Grace loves family, beautiful hats, doing for others, and she appreciates the acts of kindness given to her. She adores the phrase "Your kindness will never be forgotten," now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby honor and celebrate the 100th Birthday of Mrs. Grace Marion Nowling Greene and thanks her for her years of dedicated service to this community.