



Legislation Text

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To celebrate the life, legacy and service of Nena Elaine Carr-Jackson and extend our deepest condolences to her family on the occasion of her passing; Friday, November 13th 2020.

WHEREAS, the members of Columbus City Council extend this resolution of expression to honor the life, legacy, and service of Ms. Nena Elaine Carr-Jackson who passed-away on Friday, November 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nena Elaine Carr-Jackson was born on July 10, 1969 to Richard and Linda Carr in Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Nena graduated from Mifflin High School in 1987; she attended The Ohio State University and later graduated from Franklin University with a Bachelor of Science in Human Resources Management; she also studied at Capital University and was enrolled in the Harvard Business School Online; Nena began working with the State of Ohio in 1992 as a Human Resources professional and later as an EEO Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Nena's career path in Human Resources started in college, however her true passion lied in the creation of numerous businesses; her entrepreneurial spirit first bloomed when she became a Nail Artist while working through college; over the years, she moved on to larger endeavors when she began to merge her passion for music and hip hop with her business acumen; she eventually made a name for herself within the music industry with her involvement with several successful artists, including Cam'Ron and Bizzy Bone, and others; she recently entered the cosmetic industry, launching her signature cosmetic line called NenaElaine - As the Owner, Founder and CEO of the Nena Elaine Foundation, she developed a cosmetic line dedicated to her family and friends; moreover her cherished lipstick line was named in honor of her mother, sister, cousin, and her closest friends; and

WHEREAS, Nena started The Nena Elaine Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) organized exclusively for charitable and educational purpose committed to conducting research, educating the public, assisting individuals as well as families and caregivers who support those suffering from Lupus, Kidney Disease and other autoimmune-related diseases; Nena also founded The Pink Tag and was a founding partner in the Superstar Booking Agency; and

WHEREAS, Nena had many facets of her life where she excelled; if she committed to something she was going to follow through to the end and do it well; she took pride in her unwavering commitment and dedication to the esteemed Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. where she was initiated into the Nu Phi Chapter in 1994; in 2019, the Columbus (OH) Alumnae chapter as honored her for her 25-years of active service; and

WHEREAS, Nena also had a passion for mentoring young girls; in recent years, she chaired the Jabberwock Committee and the Delta G.E.M.S. program; her leadership efforts assisted the chapter to award thousands of scholarship dollars to graduating seniors where they focused on college readiness, self-esteem, and individual growth; she was an integral part of the chapter's success in its mentoring efforts - in 2018 and 2019, the Chapter received resolutions from the Columbus City Council for National Mentoring Month; she touched the lives of so many young women in Central Ohio and those relationships flourished well into their college years; and

WHEREAS, Nena Elaine was a Socialite, Traveler, Fashionista, Entrepreneur, Booking Agent, Grammy Award Winning Artist Manager, Event Planner, and Mentor; but, perhaps more than anything she was a friend and sister to many - she

was truly a girl's girl and appreciated fine couture; she was known for bringing all of her friends together, whether she was organizing a trip, or gatherings at some of her favorite restaurants. She enjoyed being in the place to be and receiving good service - when treated well during dining experiences she would often exclaim "NOW LEAVE THEM A GOOD TIP" to all of her girls just in case someone had forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Nena was called home on November 13th 2020 leaving a legacy of leadership and service that this community will cherish and a void which will be missed; Nena always presented herself with great poise, grace, and elegance. She leaves to cherish her memory her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Linda Carr, her grandmother, Mary Kearney, sister, Aneka Burton, brother George "Bretney" Carr, and two nephews, Nikko Burton and Logan Patrick. She also leaves behind several uncles, aunts, cousins, and a special cousin who was more like sister, Necolle (Brian) Steele, as well as countless friends who will miss her dearly, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby celebrate the life, legacy and service of Nena Elaine Carr-Jackson and extend our deepest condolences to her family on the occasion of her passing; Friday, November 13, 2020.