



shows in Music City and earning Denell the beloved title of “The Gospel Diva”; and

WHEREAS, Denell worked for 92Q for 37 years before retiring from radio in December 2017, and subsequently joined the legendary Dr. Bobby Jones as a co-host on *Dr. Bobby Jones Presents* television show; and

WHEREAS, Connie Denell is credited with laying the blueprint for Black Gospel in Nashville, and 92Q radio host Kenny Smoov called her “one of the architects of Gospel music for the entire region”; and

WHEREAS, Denell won numerous awards for her work including a Stella Award and NAACP Award, and served Nashville for many years as the pre-march emcee for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Jefferson Street, providing gospel talent a platform to perform; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her husband James Dickerson, son Stephen Dickerson, sister Doris J. Parham, and her brother Charles Moon; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognizes and honors the significant cultural contributions of “The Gospel Diva” Connie Denell.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record as honoring the life of Connie Denell Cato Dickerson.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.