



the Bordeaux Landfill where she led a number of protests and blockades of dump trucks, during which she and fellow community activists were arrested; and

WHEREAS, during her career in the Tennessee General Assembly, Senator Harper was instrumental in passing legislation to aid Tennessee's most vulnerable citizens -- particularly women, children, and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, after nearly 40 years of public service, including 28 years as a beloved State Senator and 8 years as a Metro Council member, Senator Harper retired from politics in 2019; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Senator Harper earned the respect and admiration from colleagues on both sides of the political aisle, and was famous for her fabulous collection of hats; and

WHEREAS, Senator Harper was a proud and dedicated member of the Nashville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; and she her husband were owners of several businesses, including Paul's Market, Harper's Restaurant, and a BP gas station; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognizes and honors the life of Senator Thelma Harper, who did so much to make Nashville and the State of Tennessee better places to live and work.

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

Section 1. That the Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as honoring the legacy of devoted public service embodied by Senator Thelma Harper.

Section 2. That the Metropolitan Council Office is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution to be presented to Senator Harper's family by the Minority Caucus, Councilmember-at-Large Sharon Hurt, Chair, and Councilmember Delishia Porterfield, Vice Chair.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.