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A Resolution honoring the life of Elizabeth Duff.

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Duff, the first female Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) bus driver and the first Black female bus driver, died on February 13, 2021, due to complications from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Duff, a native of Nashville, was hired by MTA as a bus driver in 1974 fulfilling a childhood dream after learning that MTA was looking for bus female bus drivers; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Duff loved her job as an MTA bus driver, a position she held until her retirement in 2007; and

WHEREAS, while speaking about driving a bus in a 2004 interview with *The Tennessean*, Duff said she loved the feel and sound of the bus, and loved the interaction with the passengers; and

WHEREAS, colleagues of Elizabeth Duff remember her not only for breaking the gender barrier, but for her cheerful attitude and her outstanding service, including being named the 2004 Tennessee Public Transportation Association Urban Driver of the Year; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognize and honor the life of Elizabeth Duff for being one of Nashville's unsung heroes who helped pave the way for women to serve in positions that had traditionally been held by men.

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

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as honoring the life of Elizabeth Duff.

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.