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A resolution honoring the life of Mr. Vernon Winfrey.

WHEREAS, Vernon Winfrey, known for his popular East Nashville barber shop, as well as having the notoriety of being Oprah Winfrey's father, passed away at age 89 on Friday evening, July 8, 2022, following a short battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Winfrey was for many years a prominent and influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of many, serving his constituents and his community in numerous capacities, including as friend, mentor, and confidant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Winfrey worked at his own barbershop, Winfrey Barber & Beauty Shop, for 60 years and he dedicated his life to mentoring and teaching men, both young and old alike, not just about business, but about life itself; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a successful businessman, Mr. Winfrey served 16 years on the Metropolitan Nashville City Council, from 1975 until 1991, where he played an instrumental role in passing legislation that was beneficial to not only his Councilmanic District 5, but to the entire Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Winfrey was a proponent of good, responsible government and he made quite a difference in his community by sponsoring legislation to benefit his constituents, including notable projects and improvements to the Cleveland Park area of his district; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2022, Mr. Winfrey's daughter, Oprah, and son, Thomas Walker, celebrated their father with "Vernon Winfrey Appreciation Day", a backyard barbecue held for his family and friends to celebrate his life while he could still receive the joy; and

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WHEREAS, it is kind-hearted men like Vernon Winfrey, who in addition to his responsibilities, always made time to serve his community in any needed capacity, and it is only fitting and proper that such a public servant be honored and recognized for his lifetime legacy of service and contributions.

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 Mr. Vernon Winfrey.

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.

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