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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

RECOGNIZING Mamie Leslie Truesdale and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her work and contributions to the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Mamie Truesdale was born on December 29th, 1929, and grew up in the Steele Subdivision of West College Hill; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Truesdale was married to David Truesdale Sr., for 32 years and had five children: Marva, Doreen, John, George, and David Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Truesdale served as Cincinnati City Hall’s first Black telephone operator starting on May 28th, 1968; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Truesdale and her small number of fellow operators would field an average of 2,200 calls a day in the age before computers; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Truesdale served as an expert on all city matters to ensure that callers would be referred to the appropriate department; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Truesdale stated that her job trained her in psychology, patience, and endurance; and

WHEREAS, when faced with discrimination from a coworker, Mrs. Truesdale told herself that they “could not say anything or do anything to discourage me”; and

WHEREAS, the telephone room was staffed around the clock during the week, and Mrs. Truesdale would often work overnight shifts from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Truesdale served as Chief Operator from 1979-1980; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Truesdale was an active member and the Grand Treasurer Emeritus of Amaranth Grand Chapter Inc. O.E.S., P.H.A. from 1988 - 2000, and an active member of the Heavenly Star Chapter No. 97 Inc. O.E.S., P.H.; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Truesdale was a talented artist and designer; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Truesdale was a trailblazer in public service and her work for the City of Cincinnati is greatly appreciated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize Mamie Truesdale for her commitment to public service and her community.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the family of Mamie Truesdale through the office of Councilmember Victoria Parks.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Victoria Parks