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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2023

**RECOGNIZING** and honoring Dr. Charles O. Dillard for his dedication to our community and his outstanding work providing healthcare services to residents of the City of Cincinnati and our region.

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles O. Dillard was raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, and graduated from Walnut Hills High School in 1952, and after graduating from Fisk University in 1956, Meharry Medical College in 1961, completing an internship at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis, completing his three-year Residency in Internal Medicine in Detroit, and serving two years in the United States Air Force, he returned to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1967 to begin a practice in Internal Medicine; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, in partnership with the Cincinnati Health Department and the Walnut Hills/Evanston Health Committee, Dr. Dillard assisted with the development of the innovative Walnut Hills/Evanston Medical Center model known as "Private Practice in the Public Sector," before leaving the Walnut Hills/Evanston Medical Center in 1980; and

WHEREAS, while in private practice, Dr. Dillard served as Medical Director of Southwest Ohio Developmental Center for eight years, as a Critical Care Physician at Bethesda Oak/Bethesda North for thirteen years, and spent the last five years of his medical practice with Mercy Health Partners before retiring on August 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dillard has dedicated his life to serving others and providing healthcare to those who need it most, and Dr. Dillard's service to our community has spanned many years in various roles, including serving as a board member for the Cincinnati Health Department and as a member of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, and his instrumental work in the development of Inner City Health Care, Inc., an organization focused on providing services to the most vulnerable members of our community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dillard continues to serve on the board of Caring Partners International, an organization which performs medical missionary work throughout the United States, including in the City of Cincinnati and the State of Ohio, and Dr. Dillard has participated in more than twenty international mission trips, and Dr. Dillard also served our country, including serving twenty years in the Ohio and Indiana National Guard before retiring in 2000 with a rank of Brigadier General; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dillard continues to serve our community to this day, including his work with "A Few Good Men of Cincinnati," an organization focused on the restoration of the Federation of Colored Women house in Cincinnati, and his work in founding the Dillard Center Community Resource Fund, which provides food and other services to communities in need; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dillard is a member of Zion Baptist Church, a past chairperson of the Health and Wellness Committee, and is a devoted husband married to Jeanette and has three adult children and three grandchildren; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize Dr. Charles O. Dillard for his outstanding support of our community, his legacy as a community and healthcare service provider, and for his many contributions to the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and a copy be provided to the Ohio State House by the Council Office of Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney