

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2025

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RECOGNIZING Frances “Francie” Garber Pepper and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her tireless dedication to the betterment of the Cincinnati community.

WHEREAS, Francie Pepper was born in Cincinnati in 1940 and grew up in Mt. Auburn across the street from Christ Hospital, where her father worked as an OBGYN; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pepper graduated from Cincinnati’s Hillsdale School in 1958, then attended Smith College, where she majored in Spanish, and later became fluent in Spanish, Italian, and French; and

WHEREAS, early in her professional career, Mrs. Pepper worked as a legal secretary and interpreter for businesses in Cincinnati and served in volunteer leadership roles with the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative, Junior League, and Urban Appalachian Council; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pepper was born into a long line of feminists and dedicated her life to supporting women, women’s rights, and those in need by emerging as a national voice for domestic violence awareness and prevention and serving on the board of the Cincinnati YWCA, including as chair from 2000 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pepper was proud to have led the YWCA’s effort to renovate a historic mansion into a shelter for battered women and children and to restore the YWCA’s historic Walnut Street headquarters while adding a childcare center to the facility; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pepper was honored with several awards for her years of community service, including the national YWCA USA’s inaugural Women of Distinction Award, Great Living Cincinnati, the United Way’s National Tocqueville Award, the Urban Appalachian Council’s Kinship Award, the Richard & Sarah Allen Humanitarian Award, the Junior League’s Cookie Nowland Award, and the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio’s Glorifying the Lions award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Pepper will be remembered as a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, philanthropist, advocate, linguist, cottager, volunteer, and friend who touched the lives of many through her work and commitment to women, children, and all citizens of Cincinnati and the nation; 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 Frances “Francie” Pepper for being a trailblazing community advocate tirelessly dedicated to the betterment of the Cincinnati community.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to John Pepper and family through the office of Councilmember Anna Albi.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Vice Mayor Lemon Kearney, President Pro Tem Victoria Parks, Councilmember Anna Albi, and Councilmembers Jeff Cramerding, Evan Nolan, and Meeka D. Owens