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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

RECOGNIZING the 100th Birthday of Alice Rollinson and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for 100 years of grace, beauty, and class.

WHEREAS, Alice Rollinson was born on November 3, 1924, in Georgiana, Alabama and grew up in the Kenyon Barr area, attending Stowe School; and

WHEREAS, after marrying, raising a family, and working various jobs, Ms. Rollinson returned to school to earn her GED, after which she attended business school; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from business school, Ms. Rollinson secured a position as a shipping clerk at Sears and Roebuck on Lincoln Avenue and was promoted to Assistant Personnel Manager, soon becoming the first female African American Director of Human Resources at Sears in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rollinson mentored many, offering guidance on professionalism in the work setting and firm faith, which has been a driving force throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rollinson is a dedicated member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, where she served on the Usher Board, the Missionary Board, and directed the Bethlehem Food Pantry, feeding those in need in the Avondale community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with the pantry, Ms. Rollinson often counseled and encouraged women to finish school and pursue their career goals; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rollinson has been a proud member of the Cincinnati Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, serving with the Tawasi Federated Club for over forty years and being crowned "Queen" for her efforts in community outreach and fundraising for selling the most tickets during its annual fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rollinson embodies the Tawasi Federated Club's mottos: "Deeds Not Words" and "Lifting as We Climb"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rollinson is known in her family for reconnecting estranged relatives and creating lasting bonds and is described as a beautiful soul, whose warmth and charisma have endeared her to neighbors and friends alike; and

WHEREAS, within her family of seven children, thirteen grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and thirteen great-great-grandchildren, Ms. Rollinson is celebrated for her culinary skills, especially her collard greens and fried corn, with her recipes often imitated but never duplicated; 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 Alice Rollinson for 100 years of life, grace, beauty, and class, representing the finest of human beings the City has to offer.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Alice Rollinson through the office of Councilmember Scotty Johnson.

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Scotty Johnson