

## RESOLUTION

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A Resolution expressing appreciation of the Columbus Council for meritorious service rendered Columbus by Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson.

**WHEREAS**, Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson was born in Manati, Puerto Rico and spent her early childhood with her family in New York, Chicago and eventually settling in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, while continuing with her higher education, she joined the Wisconsin National Guard and after serving as a part-time soldier, she entered the United States Army and faithfully served her country for fifteen years; and

**WHEREAS**, she realized successes in her military career and was recognized for her contributions. Among her military decorations, she received the Good Conduct Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Commendation Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, Councilor Woodson was the successful business owner of Kids-N-Things, which became the community central point for the youth and emphasized the importance of civic connection; and

**WHEREAS**, the loyalty to her community led to Councilor Woodson’s aspiration to become a member of Council after living in Columbus, Georgia for two years. Councilor Woodson believed this was the most effective way to make a difference in her community and the voters in District Seven agreed that she would be the best candidate for the job; thereby, electing her to this post; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 3, 1995, Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson took her Oath of Office and assumed her official duties as a member of Council. With this accomplishment, she made her mark on history by becoming the first Latino to be elected as a City Councilor for the City of Columbus and would thereafter be re-elected six more times; and

**WHEREAS**, after completing the required Newly Elected Officials training, she continued to increase her knowledge of governmental affairs by completing three levels of Certification, which included; Certificate of Recognition, Certificate of Achievement and Certificate of Excellence through The Harold F. Holz Municipal Training Institute for Elected Officials on April 2, 2004; and,

**WHEREAS**, Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson used the experience gained and platform available to her to be an active and productive member of organizations; such as, CAD or Columbus Against Drugs, Winterfield on the Move, American Red Cross, South Columbus Revitalization, Georgia Municipal Association, National League of Cities, Community Advancement and past president of HELO or Hispanic Elected Officials, GALEO or Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials Executive Board of Directors, Community Warriors, American Legion, Tri-City Latino Association and Columbus Steam Center; and

**WHEREAS**, she has been recognized for her hard work and dedication during her years as a public servant by receiving the Keep Columbus Beautiful “Litter Prevention Award”, PERTY Favorite City Leader Award, Ernestine Aurelia Mack Service to Mankind Award (AKA), the Rainbow Push Coalition Woman on the Rise Award, Women of Action, The Courier Community Service Award, the Harold “Lefty” Encarnacion Community Service Award, the Dr. Ophelia DeVore Unsung Hero Honors, Mundo Hispanic Atlanta Distinguish Person of the Year, the Panamanian Association of Columbus, Georgia Mother of the Year, William H. Spencer High School Generosity in Service, Spencerian Service Award, Davis Broadcasting Women of Excellence Award, Columbus, Georgia Chapter of J.U.G.S Women of Action Honoree and, more recently, Councilor Woodson was selected as an inductee to the 2022 Class of the Illustrious Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame;

**WHEREAS**, with this political framework, Councilor Woodson has represented District 7 with her beliefs that there should be an equal voice for all and is deserving of the gratitude for fulfilling her commitment and promise to the community. She has empowered the citizens to strive for community progress through economic development and positive change. Therefore, her devoted efforts to making Columbus, Georgia a better place to live, work and play is worthy of special recognition by this Council.

**NOW THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:**

We hereby commend and congratulate Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson upon her retirement and express our deep appreciation to her for 28 years of dedicated service to the constituency of District 7, the City of Columbus, the State of Georgia and our nation. We wish her all the best as she embarks on the next chapter in her life and for lifelong happiness and serenity in her retirement.

Let a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Councilor Evelyn “Mimi” Woodson.

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Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the 13th day of December 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
Councilor House	voting _____
Councilor Huff	voting _____
Councilor Thomas	voting _____
Councilor Tucker	voting _____
Councilor Woodson	voting _____

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**Sandra T. Davis**  
Clerk of Council

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**B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III**  
Mayor