

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2017

A RESOLUTION HONORING WILLIAM H. WILSON BY DEDICATING BEECH STREET FROM ALGONQUIN PARKWAY TO WINGFIELD LANE TO BE NAMED “WILLIAM ‘BILL’ H. WILSON WAY” IN HIS HONOR.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN MARY C. WOOLRIDGE

WHEREAS, William (“Bill”) H. Wilson was born on June 14, 1944, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, and he traversed these earthly bounds on March 18, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wilson was the loving son of the late Richard and Edith Figg Wilson; he was the devoted husband of Sandy Wilson; he was the loving father of five daughters, Michelle, Melanie, Yvette, Toni, and Lisa; he was the adoring and proud grandfather of eight grandchildren; and he also leaves behind a loving aunt and other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wilson graduated from Central High School in 1963, and he attended the University of Louisville; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wilson was an esteemed member of the Louisville and Jefferson County community, and an active and involved citizen; he was a public servant in the truest sense of the word, and served his community as the Ninth Ward Alderman for 14 years, where he was elected president of the Board of Aldermen for three consecutive years; during his tenure on the Board of Aldermen, he served as chairman of Public Relations for Affirmative Action and Cable TV and as chairman of the Appropriations Committee; he was admired for his courage and tenacity, which was evidenced by his astute leadership in the spearheading of meaningful projects for the betterment of his community, while advancing proposals to enhance the safety, security, and well-being of his constituents; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wilson was a successful businessman, and he was the owner and creative director of Bill Wilson Productions, Inc., an advertising and public relations

agency that engaged in a wide scope of work ranging from market research to all forms of advertising, public relations, and film production; during his career, his agency was the recipient of numerous awards, including the prestigious ADDY, and critical acclaim (1974-1986); and he was also the host/producer of "RAP" on WDRB Television, and he researched, wrote, produced, and hosted a weekly public affairs television program that explored concerns of the African-American community; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wilson committed his life to a quest for excellence, and throughout his lifetime he received many awards, accolades, and achievements; and he was often heard saying "Excellence can be attained if you care more than others think is wise, risk more than others think is safe, dream more than others think is practical, and expect more than others think is possible"; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wilson was a member of First Gethsemane Baptist Church, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and the Screen Actors Guild; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Bill Wilson has left a void that cannot be filled, and he is mourned across the length and breadth of the Commonwealth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT ("COUNCIL") AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Bill Wilson's service to Louisville Metro is hereby recognized with the placement of an honorary street signs on Beech Street from Algonquin Parkway to Wingfield Lane in Louisville, Kentucky, and so designated as "William 'Bill' H. Wilson Way."

SECTION II: The Department of Public Works is hereby directed to move forward with fabrication and installation of honorary signs upon the passage of this Resolution and the receipt of funds to cover the expense.

SECTION III: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

H. Stephen Ott
Metro Council Clerk

David Yates
President of the Council

Greg Fischer
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____

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