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RESOLUTION NO. 240701

Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Ryana Parks-Shaw

RESOLUTION - Recognizing Joanne Collins for her extraordinary legacy of leadership, service, and community engagement and dedicating this training room in her honor, to be henceforth known as the Joanne Collins Training Room and declaring August 29, 2024, as Joanne Collins Day.

WHEREAS, it is with immense pride and deep admiration that we recognize the exceptional achievements and contributions of Joanne Collins, a trailblazer and visionary leader who has made substantial impacts on our community; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Collins shattered glass ceilings and broke barriers as the first African American woman to serve as a City Council member in Kansas City, Missouri. Elected in 1974, Joanne Collins demonstrated unwavering dedication and exemplary service by being re-elected in the general elections of 1975, 1979, 1983, and 1987 before retiring in 1991; and

WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious career and beyond, Joanne Collins has been an active and influential participant in over 50 organizations, including the MOKAN Advisory Board, the Emily Taylor Women's Resource Center Advisory Board at the University of Kansas, the Salvation Army, Church Women United of Kansas City, Missouri, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and has also been a lifelong member of the St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church in Kansas City, Kansas, among many other notable affiliations; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize her extraordinary legacy of leadership, service, and community engagement, we hereby dedicate this training room in her honor, to be henceforth known as the Joanne Collins Training Room; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Joanne Collins that the Joanne Collins Training Room shall stand as a testament to her enduring contributions and inspire future generations to follow in her footsteps, embodying the values of perseverance, dedication, and community service and with the Mayor and Council's heartfelt gratitude and respect for Joanne Collins' remarkable achievements and unwavering commitment to our community.