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Resolution recognizing the activism of Jeannetta Simpson-Robinson, who was commemorated with the dedication of the Jeannetta Simpson-Robinson Memorial Highway on September 17, 2020..

WHEREAS,

JEANNETTA SIMPSON-ROBINSON

was commemorated and recognized by family, friends and the community with the unveiling of the Jeannette Simpson-Robinson Memorial Highway in her honor at the Northcott Neighborhood House, 2460 N. 6th St., on September 17, 2020 and

WHEREAS, *Jeannetta Simpson-Robinson was born on September 17, 1940 in the small town of Shaw, Mississippi, and is well known in the Milwaukee community as well as nationally – even after her passing – as a community leader and an activist for non-violence; and*

WHEREAS *Jeannetta Simpson-Robinson and her mother, Claretta “Mother Freedom” Simpson founded Career Youth Development in 1970 and this organization quickly grew and offered youth gang intervention programs, college education prep, vocational training, drug prevention and treatment, family counseling, Children’s Court advocacy and mental health services; and*

WHEREAS, *In 1984, following the murder of both her daughter, Cheryl, and her granddaughter, “Little Jeannetta,” Jeannetta Simpson-Robinson established the Survivors of Homicide Grief and Support Group as part of the “Victory Over Violence Initiative” of Career Youth Development to help city residents cope with the loss of loved ones to violence; and*

WHEREAS, *Jeannetta Simpson-Robinson was, and continues to be a role model for those in Milwaukee, as she overcame tremendous adversity and dedicated her life to the less fortunate and to the entire Milwaukee Community, helping young people reclaim their lives and find their path in life, and encouraging others to adopt the motto – “Love In Action”; now therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes the legacy and contributions of activist Jeanetta Simpson-Robinson to the community on the occasion of the dedication of the Jeanetta Simpson-Robinson Memorial Highway; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Jeannetta Simpson-Robinson.*

Introduced by Common Council members Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez, Nikiya Dodd, Scott Spiker, Mark A. Borkowski, Ashanti Hamilton, Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey, Cavalier Johnson and Russell W. Stamper, II and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on September 22, 2020.