

RESOLUTION NO. 18 - 2015

RECOGNIZING former Councilmember and Vice Mayor Minette Cooper for her contributions to the City of Cincinnati, and expressing Council's sincere appreciation for her service to the City and numerous accomplishments as a public servant.

WHEREAS, Minette Cooper was born in Atlanta, GA, and attended Howard and Xavier Universities where she earned her BA and M.Ed., respectively; and

WHEREAS, despite being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in her early 20's, she accepted life's challenges and went on to become an educator, wife, mother and dedicated public servant; and

WHEREAS, Minette Cooper, began her career as a kindergarten teacher in the Washington, DC school system, went on to become a Head Start teacher within the Montgomery County Public School system, and served as the Director of the Re-Entry Program for the Mental Health Association; and

WHEREAS, Minette Cooper ran and was elected to four terms on Cincinnati City Council from 1995 to 2003; served as Vice Mayor under the leadership of Mayors Roxanne Qualls and Charlie Luken; and held positions on Council, including Finance Chair, Health and Human Services Committee Chair, and Economic Development Committee Chair; and

WHEREAS, Minette Cooper helped pass numerous Council ordinances, thereby championing causes including local youth initiatives, economic development, local home ownership and national housing trusts, and surveillance cameras for the protection of local neighborhoods, as well as resolutions in support of veterans affairs; and

WHEREAS, although Minette Cooper's legislative accomplishments and contributions throughout her tenure were impressive, she is most proud of her determination to have surveillance cameras installed on all police cars; after researching the issue and lobbying her colleagues, and being undeterred by two unsuccessful votes in Council, she offered the motion a third time, and it passed and became law, recent national events serving to illustrate the vision of her initiative; and

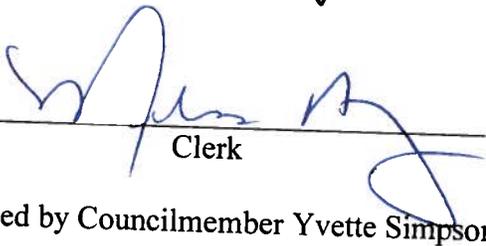
WHEREAS, Minette Cooper has dedicated her life to helping children and assisting her community's growth through her service on numerous boards and committees, including the Cincinnati Museum Center, the Salvation Army, the NAACP, the North Avondale Business Association, and the Women's City Club, and most recently the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority from which she received the Royal Coachman Award; now, therefore,

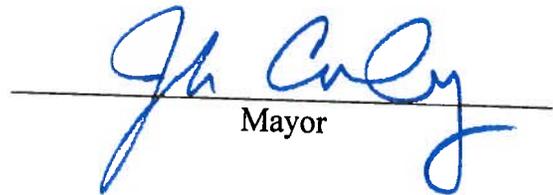
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize Minette Cooper for her lifelong contributions to the City of Cincinnati and express their sincere appreciation for her efforts and accomplishments as a former Councilmember and Vice Mayor for the City.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and copies be provided to Minette Cooper.

Passed: February 19, 2015

Attest: 
Clerk


Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Yvette Simpson