

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 000798)

RESOLUTION

Honoring and commemorating Alice M. Turner Reed, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, good neighbor, and tireless worker for fairness and a better life for all.

WHEREAS, Alice M. Turner Reed was born the second of nine children in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, graduated from Germantown High School in 1942, and was an active member of Mother Bethel AME Church throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Alice Reed met and married the late Elisha Reed and in addition to their five children took on the nurturing and encouraging of her entire community; and

WHEREAS, Alice worked with Herman Wrice and the Young, Great Society as a "volunteer mother," patrolling the halls of Germantown High School during a time that many were afraid to venture out of their homes; and

WHEREAS, Alice Reed took on social, political and community issues early in life. She helped break the racial barrier at the Germantown YWCA and subsequently served in a board of advisory position at Waterview Recreation Center and Wissahickon Boys & Girls Club and the Greater Germantown Community Association - one of the first integrated civic groups in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, "Big Al," as she was sometimes called, was a pillar of the community whose age and health did not deter her from continued political and community activism; and

WHEREAS, She will be sadly missed by her children, the Honorable Donna Reed Miller, Rochelle Linda Barlow, Bilal Reed and Nafis Reed, two sons-in-law, Kenneth Miller and Kenneth Barlow, one daughter-in-law Deanna Reed, one great granddaughter-in-law Alaya Reed, twelve grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, three sisters and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, friends and a multitude of "adopted" children; now therefore

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby honor and commemorate Alice M. Turner Reed, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, good neighbor, and tireless worker for fairness and a better life for all.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Alice M. Turner Reed's family as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the fourteenth of December, 2000.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Blackwell for Councilmember Council
President Verna

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Blackwell, Rizzo, DiCicco, Kenney, Cohen,
Tasco, Clarke, Mariano, Goode, Ortiz, Krajewski, Longstreth,
Nutter, O'Neill and Reynolds Brown

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