CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE November 6, 2024

NUMBER 506-2024

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MRS. ALIZE ZUBAR DUNSTON IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP. (Sponsored by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten).

WHEREAS, Alize Zuber Dunston, age 90, departed this life on October 15, 2024. She spent her early years in Mississippi, where her physician father, Dr. Thomas L. Zuber, M.D and her mother, Allene "Alice" Lathan provided her with a comfortable and enriching life, and taught her to live by the Bible Ten Commandments, and believed that to those who have been given talents--much is expected; and

WHEREAS, having earned a B.A. from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA., post-graduate work at Howard University, Washington, DC,; Harvard University, Boston, M.A and a Master's Degree from Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ., she spent her professional career serving as teacher and principal in Newark, NJ Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, while attending Howard University she met and married her loving husband, the late Dr. Joseph N. Dunston, Jr., M.D. and they parented two children Dr. Gina Dunston-Boone, MD, and Joseph N. Dunston, III; and

WHEREAS, as Principal of Miller Street School, she established a strong instructional program and propelled Miller Street School's rise from the lowest ranking elementary school when she assumed leadership to the FIFTH ranking Newark elementary school on the 1995 State Mandated Early Warning TEST (EWT) administered to eight graders. She consistently engaged parents, public, and private partnerships as stakeholders to assist in student achievement and recognition; and.

WHEREAS, for 10 years she served on the Board of Education in her hometown of Orange, NJ, and eight of those years as President or Vice President; and

WHEREAS, upon retirement, she served as: (1) Teacher-Recruiter for the Newark Public Schools, (2) Mentor for NJ new Principals-under the NJ Leaders to Leaders Program, and (3) Team Member with the NJ CAPA Program, which provided collaborative assessment, planning, and assistance to schools in need of improvement; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career she was honored with many civic and community awards, was a former member of Union Baptist Church, Orange, NJ and St. Paul Baptist Church, Montclair, NJ; and

WHEREAS, with great joy she served as coordinator and founder of the 3-R's BOOK CLUB since 1999, (RETIRED REJUVENATED READERS).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal of the City of Orange Township does honor the life and service of Mrs. Alize Zubar Dunston to our town.

Adopted: November 6, 2024

Joyce L. Lanier City Clerk Adrienne K. Wooten Council President