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Proclamation honoring Mrs. Margaret Ree Watson upon her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, on July 6, 1920 in Birmingham, Alabama, **Margaret Ree Watson** was born to Maggie Baron-Campbell and Alex Campbell; and
WHEREAS, **Mrs. Watson** attended Pratt City School in Birmingham, AL. where she would leave school early to go to work and care for white families and their children; and
WHEREAS, at the age of 19 years old, **Mrs. Watson**, along with her sister and brother-in-law, moved to the Hill District in the City of Pittsburgh. Shortly after arriving in Pittsburgh, **Mrs. Watson** met and married, Johnny Watson and together they had three children, Barbara Wooster, Joyce Fowler, and Richard Watson (deceased); and
WHEREAS, for several years, **Mrs. Watson** worked as a waitress/cook at Teddy Horne's Restaurant until the mid-1950's when the Lower Hill was slated for redevelopment; and
WHEREAS, for 28 years, **Mrs. Watson** was employed as a housekeeper at West Penn Hospital, along with her sister, Bernice until her retirement in 1985. After retiring, **Mrs. Watson** volunteered as a companion to seniors in the community until their passing; and
WHEREAS, **Mrs. Watson** is a lifelong Baptist and an active member of Nazareth Baptist Church, where she is a member of the Ladies Usher Board Emeritus;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Allegheny County Council Member DeWitt Walton, do hereby honor and recognize **Mrs. Margaret Ree Watson** for her longevity, and we wish her the best as she celebrates her 100th birthday.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 6th day of July 2020.