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RESOLUTION NO. 250178

Honoring the life and legacy of former Firefighter Carolyn Mitchell, June 9, 1951 - November 18, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Fire Department's 2025 Black History Month theme, "*African Americans and Labor*," highlights the profound contributions of African Americans in the firefighting workforce; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Mitchell embodied this theme when she joined the Kansas City Fire Department (KCFD) in 1977, breaking barriers as one of the City's first female firefighters at a time when opportunities for women in firefighting were scarce; and

WHEREAS, through perseverance and skill, Ms. Mitchell became the first Black female Fire Apparatus Operator and later the first Black female Captain in Suppression, paving the way for future generations; and

WHEREAS, she dedicated herself to mentoring firefighters, serving as an instructor at the KCFD Fire Training Academy, and advocating for diversity, equity, and inclusion through key department initiatives; and

WHEREAS, her leadership helped establish programs like *Camp Fury* and *Catching Fury*, inspiring young women to pursue careers in firefighting and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Mitchell's legacy reflects the resilience, leadership, and advocacy of African Americans in the workforce; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council honor Carolyn Mitchell for her extraordinary contributions to the Kansas City Fire Department and her lasting impact on public service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to her family in appreciation of her remarkable achievements and enduring legacy.