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WHEREAS, Volunteers who have stepped out of their familiar environments to meet needs not otherwise met through their service are a fundamental part of the community. **Nabhi Christian Ministries**, whose mission is to enhance impoverished communities by creating healthy environments that mentor, train and develop citizens of all ages recognizes the work and sacrifices of **ESTHER BUSH** with their **Legendary Lifetime Achievement Award**; and,

WHEREAS, born and raised in the Lincoln-Larimer section of Pittsburgh, one of 6 children of Ola Mae and Willie C. Bush who came to Pittsburgh from Alabama with the Great Migration, **Esther Bush** graduated from Westinghouse High School, Morgan State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and then a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Johns Hopkins University. Beginning as a high school home economics teacher, Esther went on to work in career planning and placement at Coppin State University and then was tapped for a job with the National Urban League in 1980 in New York as Assistant Director of its Labor Education Advancement Program to help place women in non-traditional jobs ; and,

WHEREAS, **Esther Bush** has always been independent, fearless and a fierce advocate for herself and for the African American community, citing small to large successes along the way - transition from fashion design, clothing and textiles to a teaching career, to creating a 3 credit curriculum as a young teacher, to placing women in the most non-traditional jobs to becoming the first female top executive at the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh; and,

WHEREAS, **Esther Bush** has retired from the Urban League of Pittsburgh after 27 years of service and leadership. She plans to stay in her home in Highland Park, enjoy the down time but never leaving the service of others entirely.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize, commend and congratulate **Esther Bush** for receiving the **Legendary Lifetime Achievement Award** from **Nabhi Christian Ministries** for her extraordinary body of work as an exemplary professional and a dedicated role model in the service of her community.