

# CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE



## PROCLAMATION of RECOGNITION

### Honoring the 100th Birthday of Teresa Jackson Walker-Price

**WHEREAS** Teresa Jackson Walker-Price has devoted a century of her life to strengthening her community through compassion, leadership, and tireless service; and

**WHEREAS** known for “building bridges with her telephone,” Teresa has brought people together across neighborhoods and generations to work toward a common good, fostering relationships that might never have existed without her steadfast commitment; and

**WHEREAS** when the Starr Hill neighborhood was selected for one of the first federal Community Development Block Grants, Teresa’s patient leadership and quiet persistence ensured that residents’ voices were heard, questions were answered, and the neighborhood ultimately flourished; and

**WHEREAS** as a teacher at Lane High School during the challenging era of school integration, and later as a beloved librarian at Clark School, Teresa guided countless students with grace and wisdom, easing transitions and cultivating understanding; and

**WHEREAS** Teresa opened her home to African American students at the University of Virginia during its early integration years, offering them calm, belonging, and encouragement to pursue their education in the face of adversity; and

**WHEREAS** through her tireless advocacy and organizing, Teresa played a central role in saving the historic Jefferson School and Carver Recreation Center, ensuring that they continue to serve as vital centers for education, culture, and community life; and

**WHEREAS** her efforts have been recognized with numerous honors, including the Reflector Award from the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center and the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Award, though Teresa herself remains ever humble, calling herself simply “a good volunteer”; and

**WHEREAS** Teresa Jackson Walker-Price’s century-long legacy of service, courage, and compassion continues to inspire present and future generations to work toward justice, unity, and the betterment of their communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we, the Charlottesville City Council, do hereby recognize and commemorate the **100th birthday of Ms. Teresa Jackson Walker-Price**. On behalf of a grateful community, we extend our deepest gratitude and warmest congratulations on this momentous occasion, with admiration for a life so beautifully and purposefully lived.

Signed and sealed this 17th day of November 2025.

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Juandiego Wade, Mayor

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Kyna Thomas, Clerk