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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 18, 2022 AS LAUREN SAMPSON DAY OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

WHEREAS, Lauren Sampson was known for being a fierce advocate and community leader fighting for climate justice and racial equity as a civil rights attorney with Lawyers for Civil Rights. Using her tremendous capabilities, she pioneered creative strategies to fight injustices throughout our legal system. At such a young age, Lauren's tremendous legacy has left a long-lasting impact on racial justice movements everywhere. Her courage has touched and inspired many to continue the fight towards environmental racial justice; *and*

WHEREAS, Lauren's activism has touched communities throughout the Commonwealth advocating for fair housing, equitable access to quality education, and the fight for climate justice and environmental resilience in communities of color. She enacted change through trailblazing litigation, community education, and political advocacy on behalf of immigrants and people of color. She dedicated herself professionally to fighting for a more equitable society and helping bend the arc of history towards justice; *and*

WHEREAS, Prior to her professional successes, Lauren had a distinguished academic career. She received her BA in English and History from Queen's University, where she received the Gold Medal in English and was on the Dean's List with Distinction. In 2015, she received both a MA in English from Duke University and a JD from Duke University School of Law, where she graduated Order of the Coif and magna cum laude. In law school, she served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Duke Journal of Gender Law and Policy. After law school, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable John Dooley (Ret.) of the Vermont Supreme Court; *and*

WHEREAS, A brilliant legal mind, she possessed an awe-inspiring gift of storytelling. At every chance, she used this gift to enrich the lives of those around her, in the courtroom and beyond; *and*

WHEREAS, Lauren was more than just a fearless advocate for climate justice and racial equity. She was a lover of literature, always seeking for the next book to get lost in. She was an educator, quick to share her wisdom and passion with anyone who would listen. She was a big sister to her colleagues who look up to her for her tenacity, humor, compassion, and ability to create a welcoming space. Lauren was a beautiful, courageous woman who left every place and person better than she found it; *and*

WHEREAS, Lauren Sampson's impact on our community will be felt for decades, and the Boston City Council mourns her passing; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED,

That the Boston City Council sends its condolences to Lauren's family and friends and recognizes April 18, 2022 as Lauren Sampson Day of Environmental Justice in the City of Boston.

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