DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

In Memoriam

Lichelle "Bo$$" Laws

Detroit Hip- Hop Pioneer & Royalty ~ All Hail "The Queen"

Sunrise: Thursday, August 14, 1969 thru Monday, March 11, 2024: Sunset

The Honorable Coleman A. Young II

Celebrates and Honors the Legendary Life and Artistry of Lichelle Marie "BO$$" Laws

WHEREAS: *Lichelle "Bo$$" Laws* was born in Detroit, MI on September 12, 1969. She was raised by her parents who were both deacons. They were made certain that she grew up with solid Christian values. She attended a private Catholic School and was even a cheerleader. She also took jazz, tap, ballet and piano. She also attended Oakland University before following her dreams of becoming a rapper.

WHEREAS: *Lichelle "Bo$$" Laws* talents and persona were extravagant. She was known for having a hardcore gangster style of music. She was larger than life with exceptional talent, extraordinary style, and brilliant lyricism that made her one of the best rappers in a male dominated HIP-HOP community. So much so that she was noticed by DJ Quik, who immediately put her on a song with AMG. Her skills were so flawless and unmatched that it caught the attention of a famous record executive. In 1992, she was signed to Def Jam West by Russell Simmons as their first female *Gangsta Rapper; and*

WHEREAS: *Lichelle Bo$$ Laws* had a very successful debut album as it debuted at number 22 on the Billboard 200 and number sixty on Billboard 100. The infamous album, *Born Gangstaz,* was released in 1993 through Def Jam Records. and her hit song *Deeper* and other hit tracks reached number three on Billboard's Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums and number one on the Billboard Hot Rap Tracks Chart. The video for *Deeper* was played daily for three weeks on YO! MTV Raps and BET's Rap City*; and*

WHEREAS: *Lichelle Bo$$ Laws* the success of *Born Gangstaz* was a major advancement for women in the Hip Hop community. Her creativity and bravery teamed with determination and resilience allowed her to break down barriers for female rappers to also get signed to the label. This was groundbreaking because prior to her there had never been a female gangsta rapper before her. The HIP HOP industry was saturated with gangsta rappers but, none of them were women. She advocated for women by using her platform to let the industry know that there was a place for women like her*; and*

WHEREAS: *Lichelle Bo$$ Laws* collaborated with other artist that were at the top of their game. This solidified the level of success that reached. She worked with numerous legendary artists such as AMG, South Central Cartel, Ice T, Spice 1, Treach, Ant Banks, Powerlord Jel, Dori, G-Nut, Asu, K-Mont, Keef G, Krayzie Bone, LaReece and others. Her music has also gone on to be included on various soundtracks for TV and movies such as Zebrahead and more recent features such as Orange is the New Black*; and*

WHEREAS: *Lichelle Bo$$ Laws* moved to Dallas, Texas in the mid- 90's, it was there that she became a radio DJ. In 2001, she collaborated with Krayzie Bone of Bone Thugs- N- Harmony on his album Thug On Da Line. In 2004, she released, "The Six Million Dollar Mixtape" which was produced by Def Jef. A "True Detroiter" She later moved back home from Texas to Detroit*; and*

Now Therefore Be It

RESOLVED: **The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Council Member At-Large #1**

Along with All the Honorable Members of The Esteemed Detroit City Council

Celebrate the Life and Legacy of Lichelle Marie Bo$$ Laws,* for Opening the Doors for Women Rappers Throughout the World for Entry and Success in the Genre of *Gangsta Rap. We Honor Your Creative and Artistic Innovation* that is truly representative of Detroit, Michigan. May the Name and Memory of *Lichelle Marie Bo$$ Laws live on forever!

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