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On behalf of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus, I am pleased to extend special recognition to the We Shall Overcome Foundation in honor of their first annual *We Shall Overcome-An Evening of Hope: The Life and Legacy of Louise Shropshire*, and acknowledge the award recipient of the evening, Lee Daniels, and the honorees, Simone Sheffield, Rev. Dr. Otis Moss Jr., Rev. Dr. Damon Lynch Jr., and Harrison Dillard.

Honoring the life and legacy of Louise Shropshire, long-lost author of the iconic freedom song "We Shall Overcome", is indeed an auspicious occurrence and celebration is certainly in order. A creative and talented artist, Louise Shropshire's gift for music is a justifiable source of pride for the city of Cincinnati.

Without a doubt, the individuals being honored this evening are truly deserving of recognition. These remarkable individuals are dynamic leaders in the African-American community and this prestigious honor is a fitting tribute to them for the efforts they have displayed in many significant endeavors.

Thus, with sincere pleasure, I pay tribute to the life and legacy of Louise Shropshire, acknowledge the award recipients, and salute the We Shall Overcome Foundation for honoring them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alicia Reece". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Alicia Reece
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