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To express our gratitude and deep appreciation to Jerome Stephens for his thirty-one years of exceptional service to the people of Columbus Ohio upon his retirement from the Columbus Division of Police.

WHEREAS, Jerome Stephens, started employment with the Columbus Division of Police on December 24, 1989 as a member of the 76th recruit class. Officer Stephens served as a patrol officer for 10 years on 16 precinct. Jerome has also worked as a training officer at the Academy, training hundreds of recruits in boxing and self-defense; and

WHEREAS, Jerome graduated from LaBrae High School in 1981. He attended the University of Toledo on a full Football scholarship from 1981-1986. Jerome graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, Jerome has also worked undercover assignments in conjunction with Ohio Liquor Agents throughout the city of Columbus. Officer Stephens has worked for the last twenty two years on the Mayor's Protection Detail. Jerome served under Mayor Greg Lashutka, Mayor Michael B. Coleman, and Mayor Andrew J. Ginther; and

WHEREAS, during his career Officer Stephens was awarded Police Officer of the Month in 1996 and a Chief's Letter of Commendation for the felony arrest of a rape suspect in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Officer Stephens will retire from the Columbus Division of Police on February 1, 2021. He will retire with more than 31 years of exceptional service to the Division and to the citizens of Columbus. Jerome's wife Officer April Stephens, will join him in retirement in March of 2021. Congratulations to Officer Stephens, his wife April and their daughters, Simone and Sydney; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby express our gratitude and deep appreciation to Jerome Stephens for his thirty-one years of exceptional service to the citizens of Columbus, Ohio and the Columbus Division of Police.

