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To honor, recognize, and express our gratitude to Councilmember Hearcel F. Craig for his service to the residents of Columbus as a member of Columbus City Council.

WHEREAS, Councilmember Hearcel Craig has been a champion for our city's most vulnerable residents since joining Columbus City Council in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Craig has been particularly focused on supporting our veterans, and he founded the Veterans Affairs Committee to help Columbus City Council better serve the brave men and women who have given so much to our country; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Craig, a Vietnam-era veteran, created the Better Municipal Care for Veterans Home Fund to help veterans make needed repairs to their homes; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Craig has led or served on numerous Council committees and initiatives, and his series of community meetings with entrepreneurs were a precursor to the establishment of Council's Small Business Roundtable, which has helped make it easier for small businesses to succeed in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Craig is a man of the people who is happiest getting to know residents personally and finding out how he can help them and their families; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Craig is a family man who draws strength and inspiration from his wife, Linda; his beloved children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and also from the memory of his mother, who worked her entire life to make sure that her children would have better opportunities than any she had known; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember and state Representative Craig's legacy is one of compassion, service, and hard work, and as he prepares to begin his service in the Ohio General Assembly, it would certainly not be hyperbole to say that he has

made a lasting impact on this Council, and on the city he loves so dearly; now, therefore

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

That this Council hereby honors, recognizes, and expresses our gratitude to Councilmember Hearcel F. Craig for his service to the residents of Columbus as a member of Columbus City Council.