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To honor, recognize, and celebrate the life of Reverend Melvin Steward, Sr., and to extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing.

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Melvin Steward Sr., former president of the Mount Vernon Area Improvement Association, long-time business owner, and faithful employee of 35 years at Defense Supply Center Columbus, peacefully departed this life on Saturday, April 4, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Steward was born in West Virginia on August 15<sup>th</sup> 1933, and moved to Columbus during the 1950's where he established two businesses in the Mt. Vernon area, Steward's Monument and Marker Co., and Steward Food Mart and Deli; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Steward was passionate about the City of Columbus, and held a keen interest in the community, his sincere desire to help improve the plight of the neighborhoods, and residents therein will never be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Steward championed efforts to rename Mt. Vernon Avenue as Martin Luther King Boulevard, to honor the late civil rights hero, and change the negative image of the street, thus potentially eradicating the proliferation of drugs, prostitution, and violence that plagued the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Steward was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Steward's leadership, outreach in the community, and dedication to help those in need enabled him to be a source of inspiration for many, and a man whose legacy will live on; and

**WHEREAS**, He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted and loving wife of 61 years, Cleopatria Steward; sons, Dwight (Tonya) and Melvin Jr. (Myrtle) Steward; daughter, Kathy Steward; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren,

nieces, nephews, relatives and friends, now therefore;

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

That this Council does hereby honor, recognize, and celebrate the life of Reverend Melvin Steward Sr. and extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing Saturday, April 4, 2015