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To honor, recognize and celebrate the life of John R. Allen, 1947-2024

WHEREAS, John R. Allen was born on March 28, 1947 in New Concord, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, John graduated from Muskingum College before receiving a master’s degree in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, John held several positions in the Central Ohio community, including with the Fairfield School for Boys and the Academy for Contemporary Problems before serving as director of the Epilepsy Association of Central Ohio and the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, along with sharing his expertise with human services and insurance agencies as a consultant; and

WHEREAS, John was instrumental in the transformation of the Short North, anchored by his bar (The Short North Tavern, opened in 1981) and his leadership of the Short North Business Association, with the thriving artistic, cultural, and culinary community that defines the modern Short North a testament to his enduring legacy and vision for the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus extends its sincere condolences to the friends and family of John R. Allen, including his wife Elizabeth Blevins Allen, son Matt, grandchildren Ryan, Zoe, and Dylan, Collin, who he helped raise, and countless other extended family members, friends, and loved ones who have been impacted by John’s legacy personally and professionally; 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 John R. Allen.