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Columbus City Council extends sincere condolences to the family and friends of Louis Stevenson on this sorrowful occasion of his passing.

In Loving Memory of Louis Stevenson

WHEREAS, *Louis Stevenson was born on June 8, 1946 in Marion, Ohio to the union of Hudson Dewitt Stevenson and Beatrice Stevenson Frame. Louis departed this life on December 22, 2007. He was baptized and became a member of the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Marion, Ohio early in life. He was a faithful member of an Interdenominational Men's Fellowship. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary; sons, Kevin (Tina) and Maxwell; daughter, Julia; mother-in-law, Margie Buie; special adopted mother, Ella Dobson; grandchildren, Daija and DeShon; sister, Carol Jane; sister-in-law, Juanita Green (James); sister-in-law, Jannette Godwin (Calvin); sister-in-law, Annette Buie and son, Nicholas; brother-in-law, David Buie (Joyce); bother-in-law, Jeffery Buie (Joyce); sister-in-law, Sylvia Buie and son, Dia; sister-in-law, Kay Hodges (William) as well as many other loving family members; and*

WHEREAS, Louis received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Ashland University, where he was a member of the undefeated 1967 football team. His career following college began with Floyd G. Brown and Associates, an engineering firm. In 1970, he entered the Armed Services, where he became a Commissioned Officer and a member of the elite 5th Special Forces Group of the Green Beret; and

WHEREAS, He attended law school following military service and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1975, where he remained a member in good standing. Louis retired October 3, 2007 after 32 years of federal service as legal Counsel for the U.S. Small Business Administration, where he received many awards and commendations for his work; and

WHEREAS, Louis was a consummate storyteller, and enjoyed holding court regardless of venue. He was a lover of books, a book club member, and a member of the Friends of the Libraries of the Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, He enjoyed playing golf, hunting, and fishing, though none of those pursuits held a candle to his love of chess. He had a soft singing voice and enjoyed listening to his children sing and play their musical instruments: the guitar, the piano, and the

harmonica; and

WHEREAS, Louis was once asked if he could have three wishes granted for the holidays, what would they be. He replied, "I wish to provide the very best for my family, to be the best father, husband, son, friend, neighbor, employee, and boss that I can be, and to be ever mindful of my blessings."; and

WHEREAS, We are sad that he has departed this life, we rejoice in knowing that God has him in His tender, loving arms; now, therefore;

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

That this Council does hereby pay tribute to the memory of Louis Stevenson.