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To honor and recognize Dr. Jan Gorniak for her years of service as Franklin County Coroner.

WHEREAS, Dr. Gorniak was raised in Bronx, NY and earned her degree at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, and earned experience in pathology at University Hospitals of Cleveland and Forensic Pathology at the Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office; and

WHEREAS, following her education and training in Cuyahoga County, Dr. Gorniak served as Deputy Coroner and Forensic Pathologist at the Franklin County Coroner's Office from 2005 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, in November 2008, Dr. Gorniak was elected as Franklin County Coroner, and subsequently won re-election in 2012; and

WHEREAS, despite her executive position, Dr. Gorniak still serves as an active forensic pathologist, performing autopsies, in addition to her numerous administrative duties; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gorniak is not only the first forensic pathologist to serve as Franklin County Coroner, but also the first female and first African-American to serve Franklin County in this important role; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gorniak has served the office with distinction by making the Franklin County Coroner's Office a leader in the region in death investigations, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gorniak has also shown her commitment to the Franklin County community, helping to bring public awareness to teen suicide and changing the policy of denying tissue and organ donations to organizations such as Lifeline of Ohio; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby honor and recognize Dr. Jan Gorniak for her many years of dedicated service to the residents of Columbus and Franklin County, and to wish her nothing but success in her new endeavors.