



City of Columbus

Office of City Clerk
90 West Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215-9015
columbuscitycouncil.org

Legislation Text

File #: 0299X-2016, Version: 1

To honor, recognize and celebrate the life of Mr. George Mitchell Walker Sr. and to extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing, Monday, November 21, 2016.

WHEREAS, Mr. George Mitchell Walker Sr. passed away peacefully on Monday, November 21, 2016 surrounded by family and some of his dearest friends; and

WHEREAS, George was born on Friday, January 24, 1936 in Miami, Florida to David G Walker and Minnie Lee (Dukes) Smithson; and

WHEREAS, George graduated from George Washington Carver High School in Coconut Grove, Florida; he earned his Master's Degree from Central Michigan University; and served in the United States Army where he served two tours in Vietnam and retired after 20 years of military service; and

WHEREAS, George was a man who understood the importance of serving others and he demonstrated this by also retiring from St. Stevens Community Center where he served as its Assistant Director; and

WHEREAS, George will be remembered by his friends and family as a man who cared deeply about Columbus and the surrounding community - in fact George served as a member of the St. Augustine and Gabriel Church where he served with The Knights of Columbus; he was a member of the Kwanis, the Alpha Rho Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated; he was a Master Mason, Past Post President of American Legion 770, Past President of the South Linden Area Commission and was the 1st Non-Commissioned Officer of African descent in the ROTC Program on the Campus of the Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, George's talent, presence, and spirit of service will not only be missed by the numerous organizations that he served with but will also be missed by the City of Columbus as a whole; and

WHEREAS, George counted his family among his proudest achievements - George is survived by his loving wife, Joycelyn; sisters Melrose Robinson and Mary Lee Smithson & children, George (Beverly) Walker Jr., Bertram (Flossie) Walker, Angelo (Marlena) Walker, Sylvia (Kelvin Jerome) Jones and Jerome Walker; sister, Diane Smithson; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins 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 Mr. George Mitchell Walker Sr. and extends our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing Monday, November 21, 2016.