

City of Columbus

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Legislation Text

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To recognize Dr. Alfred Jefferson in honor of his 46 years of service to Columbus Ohio as a private practicing OB/GYN physician.

WHEREAS, Dr. Alfred Jefferson grew up in Portsmouth, Ohio and moved to Columbus in 1962, after graduating from Ohio University and receiving his medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, while at Meharry Medical College, Dr. Jefferson awarded the highest academic honor in medical school, the "Gold Key", for placing first in his class for all four years; and

WHEREAS, during his medical training, Dr. Jefferson was the first African American OB/GYN intern at The Ohio State University Medical Center and the first African American resident at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Dr. Jefferson opened Franklin Park Medical OBGYN, Inc., a private practice that has served the Franklin Park community for over 45 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jefferson has delivered over 12,000 babies, with a personal mission to provide access to prenatal care for women regardless of their ability to pay, and a goal towards healthy babies and healthy mothers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jefferson and his wife Gloria have been married for 52 years, and have three children, Gregory Alfred, Bryan Alan and Karen Ann, and four grandchildren, Aaron, Sarah, Blaire and Brandon; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service to the community through Franklin Park Medical OBGYN, Inc., he maintains his membership in many local and national medical associations, Sigma Pi Phi Boule and Alpha Phi Alpha; now, therefore

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

That this Council hereby expresses its appreciation for the outstanding contribution made by Dr. Alfred Jefferson for his 46 years of medical service to Columbus and congratulate him on his retirement.