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To honor, recognize and celebrate the life and career of Mayor Dana G. “Buck” Rinehart and to extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing, February 18, 2015.

WHEREAS, Dana Gillman Rinehart was born on February 24, 1946 to Kathleen Gillman and Paul G. Rinehart in Parkersburg, W. Va., and assumed the nickname “Buck” given to him by his father’s friends from WWII; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the Florida Military School in 1964, Buck served as a clerk for the FBI in Washington, D.C., and then joined the Marine Corps Reserves of which he was a member for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Buck began his life in Columbus in the late 1960s when he attended The Ohio State University and earned a bachelor’s degree in Political Science, and later his Juris Doctorate, from the Moritz College of Law; he passed the Ohio Bar in 1973 and would go on to become a partner in the law firm Matan, Rinehart and Smith; and

WHEREAS, Buck’s political career began in 1976, serving two consecutive terms as County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, “Buck” became the 50th mayor of the City of Columbus and served until 1992, helping to dispel negative perceptions of Columbus and leading our city into a new era of growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Mayor Rinehart, Columbus benefitted from the completion of I-670 from Downtown to Port Columbus, the establishment of the Franklin County Solid Waste Authority, the redevelopment of the Short North, Arena and Brewery Districts and new retail growth in the area now known as Easton; and

WHEREAS, after leaving office, Mayor Rinehart continued to serve the citizens of Columbus through his law practice Rinehart, Rishel & Cuckler, through public speaking roles, as a youth baseball coach and as a volunteer for activities in which his children were involved, the North Broadway United Methodist Church and the PTA; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Rinehart is survived by his wife, Brenda Dodrill Rinehart; four children, Dana G. Rinehart Jr., Jenna Michelle Rinehart, Jonathan G. Rinehart and Lincoln Patrick Rinehart; a stepson, Lucas Dodrill Matteson; five grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Rinehart was a Columbus icon and an energetic and gregarious champion for the City he loved, and his contributions helped to shape Columbus into the 21st Century city it is today; now, therefore

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

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