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To honor, recognize and celebrate the life of Cheri Mitchell and extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends on the occasion of her passing, September 22, 2015.

WHEREAS, Cheri Mitchell was born in 1955 to Don and Mary Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, Cheri Mitchell and her loving husband of twenty years, Frank Hassebrock, shared many interests including gardening, travelling throughout the United States and Europe, cooking, attending arts performances, and being involved in the lives of a large network of friends in Columbus, Granville, and many other parts of the country; and

WHEREAS, Cheri Mitchell's first love for the performing arts was in theater during her high school years in Elyria, Ohio. She completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater Design from The Ohio State University in 1977; and

WHEREAS, After serving as director of membership and education at the Ohio Dental Association for four years, she was appointed managing director of the Contemporary American Theater Company in Columbus where she served for nine years helping CATCO emerge into a much acclaimed professional theater company; and

WHEREAS, Cheri Mitchell served as President of the Columbus Cultural Leadership Consortium and an officer for Ohio Dance. She was committed to strengthening and advancing the role of arts throughout the Columbus community and the State of Ohio. Cheri's positive attitude, relentless energy, focused attention, and empathetic support were evident to everyone she encountered; and

WHEREAS, She recently retired from BalletMet Columbus after sixteen years during which she served as Executive Director for thirteen seasons. Cheri was a passionate, dedicated, and exemplary leader at BalletMet where she was cherished for her tireless energy, conscientiousness, and ability to deeply connect with everyone associated with the company; and

WHEREAS, no one truly comprehends the loss that we feel or the sadness we are enduring, but we pray and that her memories will forever and always be with you. She was a phenomenal woman who made Columbus a better place; now therefore:

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

That this council does hereby honor, recognize and celebrate the long and fulfilling life of Cheri Mitchell and extend our sincerest condolences to her family and friends on the occasion of her passing.

