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To honor, recognize, and celebrate the life of Dr. David Duffield Hamlar, Sr., and to extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing Thursday, October 25, 2012.

WHEREAS, Dr. David Duffield Hamlar, Sr., was born in Roanoke, Virginia, in 1924, attended Hampton Institute, served in the navy during World War II, received a B.Ed. from the University of Toledo, where he was inducted into the UT Athletic Hall of Fame, and earned a DDS from Howard University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hamlar was married to his high school sweetheart, Maxine Harbour, for 56 years until she passed away in 2001; and

WHEREAS, as he led a successful dental practice for 52 years, Dr. Hamlar tended to various community interests and service organizations, including memberships in the Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity (Boule), and the Cavaliers and Wedge Clubs; he also served on the boards of several community organizations, including Columbus Children's Hospital, the Columbus Academy, and the Urban League, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, perhaps Dr. Hamlar's greatest civic accomplishment was navigating the desegregation of Columbus City Schools as school board president in the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, until slowed by illness, Dr. Hamlar maintained an active and fulfilling retirement by playing golf, enjoying club affiliations, and traveling with his devoted companion, LaVerne Dukes King; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his children, Jocelyn (Leighton Toney) Hamlar, David (June) Hamlar, Jr., and Deidre Hamlar; grandchildren, Morgan, Sydney, Devin, Jenna, and Tai; brother, Beverly Hamlar; sister, Shirley (Thomas) Wilson; niece, Brenda Miller; and a host of extended relatives and loving friends; now, therefore

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

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