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To honor, recognize, and celebrate the life of Aminah Robinson, and to extend our sincerest condolences to her family and friends on the occasion of her passing.

WHEREAS, Aminah Robinson, a native and lifelong resident of Columbus whose artwork documented both the physical reality of historic Columbus neighborhoods as well as the spiritual essence of those who once lived there, peacefully departed life on Friday, May 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, much of Aminah's work centered around her interpretation of the stories that she heard from family elders and her childhood memories, and was prompted by her belief in the African concept of sankofa, the necessity to understand the past in order to move forward; and

WHEREAS, Aminah was a recipient of a MacArthur "genius grant" and her work has been shown in several galleries and museums around the world, including a staircase mural at the Main Library of the Columbus Metropolitan Library; and

WHEREAS, Aminah was a powerful advocate for Columbus, and owed much of her success to the support she received from her community, as well as the experiences she had growing up in the Poindexter Village neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Aminah Robinson is a legend in the community, and the dedication she showed to her craft enabled her to be a source of inspiration for many, and a woman whose spirit will live on; and

WHEREAS, Aminah Robinson's decades of work stand as a testament to her creative genius, and she will forever be regarded as one of our nation's foremost and finest storytellers, now therefore

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

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