



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To honor Mr. Clarence Lumpkin for his dedicated service to the Linden Community and celebrate his accomplishments as he receives the Greater Linden Development Corporation "Lifetime Achievement Award"

**WHEREAS**, Clarence D. Lumpkin was born in 1925 to a family of sharecroppers, forsaking a formal education until the age of twelve to care for his dying mother; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lumpkin served his country admirably in World War II, being discharged in 1945 after serving in New Guinea; and

**WHEREAS**, upon his arrival in Columbus, Mr. Lumpkin entered the local workforce as a head spotter and cleaner for Swan Cleaners, leaving in 1969 to become a Columbus Contract Compliance Officer for the federal Model Cities program; and

**WHEREAS**, two years later, he took a job with the State of Ohio and in December 1992, he retired as Chief of the Enforcement Division in the Department of Highway Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, The mission of Greater Linden Development Corporation is to improve the quality of life in the Greater Linden community through housing and economic development, planning, coordinating of services, and other community-building activities; and

**WHEREAS**, from its creation, the GLDC has continuously worked to revitalize the Linden community and improve the quality of life for area residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 40 years, Clarence Lumpkin has exemplified the high ideals of service to the Linden Community by helping form the Community Development Block Grant Task Force (CDBG), working with the City to separate storm and sanitation sewers to stop basement flooding, leading anti-drug marches throughout Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lumpkin has been instrumental in making Linden the first inner-city community with lights on every residential street, guiding the South Linden Area Commission, the South Linden Leadership Group and the Greater Linden Development Corporation as well as sharing a vision to improve the Linden area - including the Point of Pride concept that was first shared with City leaders in a speech given in 1974; now, therefore

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

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