



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To honor, recognize, and celebrate the life of Dr. James Edward Nesbitt, Jr., and to extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing on Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James Edward Nesbitt, Jr., a beloved and respected educator and youth advocate was born on December 21, 1949 in Columbus, Ohio to Juanita and James E. Nesbitt, Sr.; and

**WHEREAS**, James, inspired by his mother earned higher education degrees in science and education from the Ohio State University - a B.S. in Biology, and a Master's and Ph.D. in Science; and

**WHEREAS**, James spent his entire post-college life devoted to teaching and encouraging young people---- teaching biology at Walnut Ridge High School, where he helped launch the school's first science fair and later at Columbus State Community College where he continued teaching science as an adjunct professor; and

**WHEREAS**, James had a heart for helping young people, creating a magazine which evolved into Youth Connections, Inc., a program that assists middle and high school youth in Greater Columbus and later launching the *Good News Magazine*, a self-published newsletter focused on stories about unsung heroes in the community, poetry and other good news; and

**WHEREAS**, each summer, James's non-profit organization sponsored its "Youth Inspirational Award," honoring the volunteer services of young people in Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, James not only made personal investments in the lives of the youth, who he tutored, mentored and counseled, but also honored and paid tribute to people for their community involvement thru his Spirit of Love Award, "and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James Edward Nesbitt, Jr. went home to the Lord on Wednesday, May 15, 2013, and leaves to cherish his memory, a host of friends, students, former classmates from Columbus East High School where he graduated with honors, church family from Trinity Baptist Church, and moreover a legacy which will continue to live on through the many lives that he touched, now therefore;

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

That this Council does hereby honor, recognize, and celebrate the life of Dr. James Edward Nesbitt, Jr. and extends our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing Wednesday, May 15, 2013,