



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To Recognize Dr. Stephen A. Douglas , in Honor of his 42 years of Distinguished Service with the Columbus Division of Police

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Stephen Douglas is a native of the near east side of Columbus and alumni of Eastmoor and North High Schools, and The Ohio State University. Dr. Douglas is a veteran of the United States Army, during the Vietnam Conflict. He is a recipient of two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Douglas began his career as an educator at South High School. After receiving his Master's Degree, he was employed at Columbus Area Mental Health and Southwest Mental Health. Ultimately he earned his PhD in psychology from The Ohio State University in 1976 and was licensed in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1975, Dr. Douglas began teaching a class on Behavioral Science to cadets with the Columbus Division of Police. He has been involved in the instruction of every recruit class up until March of 2017 for a total of 72 classes; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1980, Dr. Douglas developed a partnership with Dr. J. Nick Marzella and began to provide confidential psychotherapy for police officers and their families. He developed Fitness for Duty Evaluations, Critical Incident Debriefings, Law Enforcement Pre-Screenings, and trained officers on effective ways to support their colleagues and families in cases of injury or loss in the line of duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Douglas has had a long and successful career in his private practice and as a public speaker, traveling throughout the country. No matter how busy he became he always made time to provide counseling and emotional support to the men and women of the Columbus Division of Police; and

**WHEREAS**, In his personal life, Dr. Douglas has enjoyed a loving marriage to his wife Dr. Ellen Kay Lyle. The two have two sons, Todd and Mark Douglas, and will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in September 2017. Dr. Douglas has always lived by the simple axiom, "In life, adjust your expectations, but keep your standards high"; and

**WHEREAS**, In retirement, Dr. Douglas looks forward to traveling and spending time with his family, in addition to continuing his hobbies of reading, exercising, and volunteering in the community; now therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby express its appreciation for the outstanding contributions that have been made by Dr. Stephen A. Douglas during his 42 years of public service to the City of Columbus, and this Council congratulates him on his retirement.