



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To honor and celebrate the life of Firefighter William Thomas Russell and to extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter William Thomas Russell served the Columbus Division of Fire and the residents of Columbus for over 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, During his time with the Division of Fire, Firefighter Russell served as a firefighter and paramedic at Station 8 on Long Street and Champion Avenue. Later, he spent 15 years working with Medflight; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Russell was a native of Columbus and a proud graduate of East High School in 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Russell was known by many in the Columbus community as “Dr. Fire” and was recognized as Firefighter of the Year 5 times during his career; and

**WHEREAS**, Firefighter Russell founded “Firefighters 4 Kids” with Mike Mullins to provide Christmas gifts to children in need. He served the organization for over 25 years; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby honor and celebrate the life of Columbus Firefighter William Thomas Russell and extends our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.