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To thank City Auditor Hugh J. Dorrian for the 52 years of service that he has rendered to the residents of Columbus and Central Ohio and to recognize and bestow the title of “Columbus City Auditor Emeritus” to him for his outstanding service and leadership to our community.

WHEREAS, the Latin adjective “Emeritus” is a honorary title recognizing a person of distinguished service and awarded to only a few after a sustained and distinguished track record of achievement in one’s profession and given only to a person of outstanding merit and full intellectual status before retirement; and

WHEREAS, City Auditor Hugh J. Dorrian, a Certified Public Accountant and a graduate of the Ohio State University has devoted more than 52 years serving the residents of Columbus and Central Ohio - 48 years as the Auditor for the City of Columbus; this record of service makes him the longest serving elected official in our city’s history; serving 6 Mayors and watching Columbus grow from 471,000 residents to over 860,000 today; and

WHEREAS, his career can be defined by his commitment to excellence and willingness to serve others -- however his proudest achievements include: the Borromeo Medal for Distinguished Alumni Achievement from the St Charles Preparatory School, the Outstanding Local Public Service Award from the OSU School of Public Policy & Management, the Columbus’ Equal Business Opportunity Minority/Female Business Advocate Award, the Ethics in Government Award from the Ohio Government Finance Officers’ Association, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ohio Government Finance Officers’ Association, the Columbus Hall of Fame - 2012, induction into the 2014 National Management Association Hall of Fame, and many other preeminent honors and awards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dorrian’s career includes serving on the front lines as a standard bearer in the field of Municipal Finance - under his leadership Columbus Voters have approved 78 different General Obligation Voted Bond Packages; and he has increased the City’s investment portfolio to approximately \$1.9 billion while maintaining a AAA Bond rating for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dorrian will be forever remembered for his work to improve the fiscal health and stability of the City of Columbus - under his leadership, the City Auditor's Office has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 35th consecutive year from the Government Finance Officers Association of United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dorrian has served as the Auditor since being appointed in 1969, he also served as the City Treasurer from 1966 to 1969 - and was elected by the voters of Columbus to 12 four year terms - moreover his distinguished public service career exemplifies a lifetime of passion and service in action - protecting the fiscal health, safety and quality of life for the residents of Columbus and Central Ohio; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby thank City Auditor Hugh J. Dorrian for the 52 years of service that he has rendered to the residents of Columbus and Central Ohio and honor him as “Columbus City Auditor Emeritus” for his outstanding service and leadership to our community.

