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Legislation Text

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To honor, recognize, and celebrate the life of Mr. Fred Holdridge, and to extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing Thursday, December 23, 2010.

WHEREAS, Fred Holdridge and his partner, Howard Burns, served for years as the unofficial mayors of German Village, earning the respect and affection of countless admirers in the neighborhood and across the city; and

WHEREAS, Fred was a native of Lima, Ohio, and moved to Columbus with Howard in 1959 after serving his country in the Second World War and graduating from Kenyon College; and

WHEREAS, the couple were philanthropists, entrepreneurs, community activists, newspaper columnists, and radio movie critics, serving in each of these roles with the vigor, wit, and wisdom for which they were renowned; and

WHEREAS, Fred and Howard operated Hausfrau Haven, an iconic shop on South 3rd Street, until 1996; and

WHEREAS, Fred was preceded in death by Howard in 2001, and both men will be remembered for their tireless advocacy, indomitable spirits, and immeasurable contributions to their neighborhood and their city; 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 Mr. Fred Holdridge, and extends our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing Thursday, December 23, 2010.