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To honor and recognize Stephen A. Sterrett upon his retirement as Community Relations Director of Campus Partners for Community Urban Redevelopment and his 32 years of service to The Ohio State University.

WHEREAS, Stephen A. Sterrett joined the Ohio State staff as editor of *onCampus*, the faculty-staff newspaper, in 1978 where he served as news editor in University Communications from 1982 to 1984 and then as director of news services from 1984 until 1995; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sterrett was a founding member of the University Staff Advisory Committee and currently serves on the Board of Control of The Ohio State University Faculty Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sterrett was named community relations director of Campus Partners for Community Urban Redevelopment since its incorporation as a non-profit organization in January 1995; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio State University created Campus Partners to spearhead improvements in the quality of life in the neighborhoods around its Columbus campus in partnership with the City of Columbus, the people and organizations of the University District, and the university itself; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sterrett was responsible for Campus Partners' communications and public relations, particularly with Ohio State students, neighborhood civic leaders and the news media; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sterrett served as the principal liaison with the city and neighborhood on issues involving public services, code enforcement and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sterrett has written two accounts of the work of Campus Partners including "Campus Partners: Strategic Collaborations for Urban Neighborhood Revitalization," a chapter in *Public Universities and Regional Development* and "Planning and Partnerships for the Renewal of Urban Neighborhoods" in the *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sterrett, a Clintonville resident, was a former president of the Dennison Place Association, a neighborhood civic organization in the southwestern portion of the University District and he has served as a leader with Neighborhood Services, Inc., the local food pantry; United Christian Center; University Area Crime Stoppers; High Street Neighborhood Coalition Board; B.R.E.A.D.; and The First Congregational Church; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Mr. Sterrett received the University Community Association's annual Oscar Award, an award presented to a non-resident for their outstanding service to the University District. In 2001, he received the Citizen Crime Stopper of the Year Award from Central Ohio Crime Stoppers and in 2009, he received the Miracle Award from the University Community Business Association for his outstanding service to the University District; now, therefore

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

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