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To Recognize and Congratulate Merle J. Pratt on his induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, Merle J. Pratt of Franklin County served in the United States Navy in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt served as the Veterans' Liaison to seven of Ohio's Attorneys General during his 26-year career until his retirement in 2009 from the position of Director of Constituent Services; and

WHEREAS, Governor Strickland appointed Mr. Pratt as chair of a committee to formulate the procedures and rules to govern the newly elevated cabinet level agency of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt made a distinct contribution to veteran's organizations in Ohio by advocating for their rights and benefits, including his engagement in assisting with state property tax exemption for veteran and fraternal organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pratt has served the Central Ohio Veterans community as president of the Military/Veterans Educational Foundation, member and past president of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 670, and member and past Commander of the American Legion Columbus Post 82; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Merle received the Silver Helmet Award, the highest award given by the AMVETS National Department, and the AMVETS Department of Ohio named Merle 2015 AMVET of the Year; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby express its appreciation for Merle J. Pratt for his service to his country and the Columbus community. This Council does hereby congratulate him on his induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

