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

WHEREAS, E.J. Thomas of Franklin County served in the United States Air Force from 1973-2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas served as a State Representative for Ohio's 27th District for eight terms, serving as Chair of both the Ways & Means and Finance & Appropriations committees; and

WHEREAS, Currently Mr. Thomas is the President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity-MidOhio, where he has initiated programs that offer veterans discounted mortgages at 0% interest and assistance with remodeling existing homes for handicap accessibility and energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas serves his community as a Capital University Trustee and Chair of the Integrity & Compliance Committee, Co-Founder & Chair of the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio, Immediate Past Chair of the Human Service Chamber of Franklin County, and as a Board Member for the Columbus Zoo, local chapter of the American Cancer Society, and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas has been recognized as CEO Magazine's "CEO of the Year" for large nonprofit organizations. Under his leadership, Habitat-MidOhio was selected by The Columbus Foundation to receive its single, annual award for Outstanding Performance by a nonprofit organization in 2012; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby express its appreciation for E.J. Thomas 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.

