



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To honor, recognize and celebrate the long and fulfilling life of Dr. Howard L. Wilson and extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16).

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Howard L. Wilson was born April 12, 1933 to Louise & Thomas Wilson in Bramwell, West Virginia and;

**WHEREAS**, After excelling as an athlete and musician in high school, Dr. Wilson graduated from West Virginia State College with a BA in music, earned his master's degree while stationed in Kentucky, and was honored with a doctorate of law from West Virginia State University, for which he served as the first national president of the alumni association and;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Wilson retired in 1975 from the United States Army as a lieutenant colonel after serving in Korea, Germany, Vietnam, and the USA and earning many decorations, including Meritorious Service, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Gallantry Cross Medal with Palms and;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Wilson was affiliated with many organizations, including the Path Ministry, Silver Honoree Club WVSU, the WVSC ROTC Hall of Fame (into which he was inducted in 1984), Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi Columbus Alumni Chapter, WVSU Tau Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Airport Golf Course Rainmaker Golf Club, the NAACP, Liberty High School Alumni Association, the West Virginia Black High School Hall of Fame, and the WVSU State University Foundation Board and;

**WHEREAS**, Howard and his wife Serena (Strother) Wilson were happily married May 28th, 1955, and their children are daughters Maria Denese Wilson-Tate, Teresa & husband Calvin G. Kemp, Jr., Jasmine adopted daughter (great granddaughter) and their late son Howard Anthony Wilson; their grandchildren are the late Angel Coleman, Stephen & wife La Toya Wilson, Tanisha Thomas, Calvin H. Kemp, Kir Kemp Whatley, Amber Wilson, Natasha Wilson Sullivan; great-grandchildren are Jamel Thomas Joyce, Odell, Anthony, Keante, Stephen Howard Wilson Jr., Trey Yates, Daniel Tyler Wilson, Brandon Black, and James Antley and;

**WHEREAS**, Howard, Serena, and their daughter Teresa Kemp were co-owners of Plantation Quilts & Gifts, and together they did exhibitions, historic presentations, and preservation work that is continued today by Teresa and;

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Howard L. Wilson will long be remembered by his family, friends, colleagues, and admirers for the many contributions he made to their lives, and for the honor and integrity with which he served his community and country

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

That this council does hereby honor, recognize and celebrate the long and fulfilling life of Dr. Howard L. Wilson and extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing.

