



Legislation Text

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To honor, recognize, and celebrate the life of attorney Alexander ‘Sandy’ Spater, and to extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing Sunday, September 8, 2013.

WHEREAS, Alexander Spater was born in 1943 and raised in suburban New York, before coming to Columbus he attended Lawrence University, University of California and The Ohio State University Mortiz College of Law and was conferred his law degree in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spater served in the Peace Corp. in Nepal between 1967 and 1969, working as a community development specialist and then advocated for affordable housing from 1969 to 1970 in Corinth, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spater was a partner in Spater, Gittes, Schulte & Kolman from 1971 to 2001, before he starting his own firm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spater won housing-discrimination verdicts and argued that police officers sometimes unfairly targeted black suspects. As recently as 2011, he took on the case of a Knox County elementary-school student who said he was bullied because he was gay; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spater served at the forefront of civil-rights law, developing a long legacy of civil rights case law in Ohio that is frequently cited; and

WHEREAS, for over 30 years Mr. Spater believed that no person should be discriminated against and argued some of the hardest civil rights cases partnering with lawyers across the state and was never deterred; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spater was a wonderful person, who enjoyed his clients and remained in touch with them years after their cases ended. He was kind and generous to his friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Spater is survived by his wife, Judith; a son; a stepdaughter; a sister; and a brother.

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

That this Council does hereby honor, recognize, and celebrate the life of Alexander Spater, and extends our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing Sunday, September 8, 2013.