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To honor, recognize and celebrate the life and career of Paul Tipps and to extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing, April 21, 2015.

WHEREAS, Paul Tipps was born in 1937 to Alma and Charles Tipps. The Cincinnati native was a 1960 graduate of the University of Dayton, a U.S. Army veteran and a businessman; and

WHEREAS, Tipps got his political start in Dayton, working for Ohio politician C.J. McLin after graduating from college and completing his military service; and

WHEREAS, Paul served as state Democratic chairman from 1975 to 1983, ending his run with the party in control of every statewide office: six of seven Ohio Supreme Court seats, both chambers of the state Legislature, a majority of Ohio's U.S. House seats and both U.S. Senate seats; and

WHEREAS, one of the senators at that time was Tipps' lifelong friend, former astronaut John Glenn, whom he called a patriot and national treasure. Tipps served on the board of advisers at the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at Ohio State University from its inception in 1999 until his death; and

WHEREAS, his many political adventures included serving in a delegation representing President Jimmy Carter at the Mount Sinai celebration in Cairo in 1979, when lands captured by Israel were returned to Egypt; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the party helm, Tipps helped run an influential lobbying firm, State Street Consultants, which was a powerhouse of Statehouse policy crafting in the 1990s and 2000s; and

WHEREAS, outside of the lobbying firm, Tipps' life in business included chairing the multibillion-dollar Federal Home Loan Bank, which caters to financial institutions. He also served on the boards of Union Savings Bank and Janus Hotel and Resorts and was president of Federal Property Management in Dayton; and

WHEREAS, Paul Tipps is survived by four daughters, Tammara and Penny Tipps, Debora Batta and Polly Tipps-Kesig; a son, Tony; his fiancée, Elizabeth Grause; and her two daughters; now, therefore

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

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