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To recognize and celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of James Hamilton Cocroft.

WHEREAS, James Cocroft was born October 28, 1935 in Kruger Mississippi, and moved to Columbus when he was 11 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, as a young man, Mr. Cocroft worked for the G.W. Holmes Company as a parts clerk and Cleveland Ignition Company as a manager; and

WHEREAS, after working for these two companies, James was inspired to start his own business which he has now owned for more than 42 years, Jim's Automotive Electric Service Company; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim's Automotive Electric Service Company has been located in the Milo-Grogan area of Columbus since its inception and James has employed scores of young men and women who were seeking to learn more about the automotive industry and earn a respectable living; and

**WHEREAS**, James served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church for over 30 years and is still a member of Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church and has been a member for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, James is an active member of the Milo Grogan Civic Association; and

**WHEREAS**, James sponsored a bowling team under his business's name through myriad Bowling Leagues including the Olympic 60's League; and

**WHEREAS**, James received a certificate of completion from a business management course offered through Capital University; and

**WHEREAS**, he has been married to Jean C. Cocroft for 49 years, is a father of five, grandfather of seven and great grandfather of seven; and

**WHEREAS**, James Hamilton Cocroft is a well-respected member of the community and is called upon for his practical and professional insight and wisdom; now and therefore

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

That this council does hereby recognize and celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of James Hamilton Cocroft.