



Legislation Text

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To honor, recognize and celebrate the life of Mr. Murray Ebner and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing, November 8, 2015.

WHEREAS, Mr. Moinyak “Moishe” Ebner was born September 20, 1928 in Wischniz Nowy, Poland; and

WHEREAS, He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Sylvia Ebner; daughters, Lisa and Cynthia; son, Mark (Nicole); grandchildren, Gayle, Aaron and Jared Rosen and Zachary, Julian and Sabrina Ebner; in-laws Sol Ruben of Pittsburgh, and Fay Ruben, Florine Ruben and cousin, Stanley Maybruck and family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ebner was the sole survivor of his family. He survived four years of Nazi enslavement by working in four different sub-camps of Auschwitz from age 13 to 17. In the spring of 1945, he was forced on a death march out of Birkenau. After hiding in a barn he was able to escape the Nazis along with three others from a group of about 150; and

WHEREAS, In 1947, Mr. Ebner emigrated to the United States, where he would eventually live with distant relatives in Springfield, OH. Mr. Ebner was later drafted into the US Army for the Korean Conflict, where he served for 2 years in Germany protecting the Germans from the Russian military; and

WHEREAS, He later began Ebner Properties, a real estate management and development company in 1970. He devoted much of his time to his family and many philanthropic endeavors where he has received many awards and accolades, some of which include: serving 2 terms as President of Congregation Agudas Achim, President, VP and Treasurer of Wexner Heritage Village, on the Boards of Columbus Torah Academy, ADL Regional Board, Columbus Jewish Historical Society and the CMHA Ad-Hoc Committee, member of Congregation Torat Emet, Congregation Beth Jacob and Congregation Ahavas Sholom; and

WHEREAS, He developed an Emmy award winning documentary “A Survivor’s Journey” and wrote a biography “Chosen for Reason’s Unknown, A Holocaust Survivor’s Journey.” Murray felt it was “his responsibility to bear witness. This is why G-d saved me.” Murray spoke to thousands of high school students throughout central Ohio throughout the past couple of decades. He was always positive, smiling and endearing; he will truly be missed; and

WHEREAS, no one truly comprehends the loss that we feel or the sadness we are enduring, but we pray and that his memories will forever and always be with you. He was a champion, a hero and a legend who made this world a better place; now therefore:

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 Mr. Murray Ebner and extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing.