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To Recognize and Honor Jim Cleamons for his Career and Continued Dedication to the Communities of Columbus.

WHEREAS, Jim Cleamons was born on September 13, 1949, and grew up in the Linden neighborhood of Columbus, Ohio where he played basketball in high school. He went on to attend The Ohio State University where he played a basketball at the collegiate level; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Cleamons was picked 13th in the first round of the NBA draft to play for the Los Angeles Lakers. With the Lakers, he went on to win an NBA championship in 1972. He played for the Cleveland Cavaliers for five years, and also played for the New York Knicks and the Washington Bullets during his nine year career; and

WHEREAS, as a coach Mr. Cleamons assisted in coaching the Chicago Bulls from 1989-1996. He was the head coach for the Dallas Mavericks, and also assisted coaching the Los Angeles Lakers and the New Orleans Hornets. He is presently a member of the coaching staff for the New York Knicks; and

WHEREAS, Coach Cleamons's Hoopology Camps bring together youths to learn not only about the game of basketball, but to work on social and financial skills and to promote community engagement. These camps teach youths to hone their skills and talents, and to be proud of their affinities and hobbies outside of sports; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby declare the distinguished, Coach Jim Cleamons, be praised and recognized for his dedication and commitment to the youths of Columbus and Central Ohio in running the Hoopology Camps. His camps teach kids to be proud of their minds and their bodies, and they teach these youths to value academics as a tool to succeed in life. Jim's teaching philosophy and his work have gone on to strengthen the perseverance and resolve of future generations and, for this, he is deserving of the utmost respect and praise.