



Legislation Text

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To Honor, Recognize, and Celebrate the Life of Harold “Hal” Taylor Duryee and to Extend our Sincerest Condolences to his Family and Friends.

WHEREAS, Harold Taylor Duryee, known to his friends as “Hal” was born on February 11, 1930 in Willoughby, Ohio to Gerald Fancher Duryee and Margaret Grace (Taylor) Duryee; and

WHEREAS, Hal Duryee excelled in North Canton schools as a state champion debater before graduating from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio where he majored in political science and was the business manager for the Kenyon Theatre and president of the Archon Society in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Hal Duryee dedicated his life to public service, working for three Ohio Republican Party Chairmen, three members of the United States Congress, four Ohio Governors, and President Ronald Reagan and President George H.W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, Hal Duryee’s work touched and improved the lives of those across the country, in the State of Ohio, the City of Columbus and particularly German Village; and

WHEREAS, Hal Duryee’s dedication to the historic preservation of German Village was a true passion, he and Phyllis could always be counted on to host dinners, manage concert series, and raise money while introducing new neighbors to old friends in the Village; and

WHEREAS, Hal Duryee is survived by his wife of fifty years - the love of his life, Phyllis Painter Duryee, his brother Gerald Brooks Duryee, his sister Suzanne Duryee, among many other friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Hal Duryee’s giving nature and exemplary service will live on in everyone’s hearts. He blessed the City of Columbus, and those who live in it, and will be truly missed; and

WHEREAS, Hal’s appreciation for life could best be put into words by his favorite musician Jimmy Buffet, “some of it’s magic, some of it’s tragic, but I had a good life all the way”; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby honor, recognize, and celebrate the life of Harold “Hal” Taylor Duryee and extends our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.