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To honor, recognize, and thank Dorothy and Hank Evans for their efforts supporting the educational endeavors of the youth of Greater Columbus.

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy and Hank Evans recognizing the economic and social need of African-American males, the disadvantaged and the challenges confronted by students in need of assistance had a vision for helping the youth of Columbus and Central Ohio pursue educational opportunities beyond high school; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy and Hank Evans believed that this vision could best be achieved through workshops for youth regarding college entry readiness, providing information on how to obtain financial aid, improving financial literacy, time management, health management, computer literacy, and social development; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy and Hank Evans founded Greater Columbus Community Helping Hands, Inc. GCCHH in 2006 as a non-profit 501 (C)3 tax exempt organization designed to promote and engage the educational, civic, recreational, and wellness activities enhancing the lives of the youth of Greater Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, GCCHH in partnership with the Cage Family Scholarship Fund has helped to provide college scholarships for books and related school expenses lending "*a helping hand*" to students from low to moderate income households; and

**WHEREAS**, GCCHH, since 2010, has given more than 175 complete laptop computer packages to college bound high school seniors and in 2016 more than 80 of the students who have completed the 'Stepping Off to College Program' requirements will receive laptop computer packages, college dorm packages and other assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 2006, GCCHH, Inc. has provided more than \$475,000.00 in student and non-profit programmatic support to organizations like the Columbus Scholar House Program, the King Arts Complex Youth Programs, the Boys and Girls Clubs, Ballet Met Minority Outreach Programs, Performing Arts Programs, Momentum and Homeport Community Center Programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Class of GCCHH includes students from Whitehall Yearling High School, Columbus City Schools, the Marsh Run Community, the Pheasant Run Community, Columbus Scholar House, Homeport and the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority - with many of these recipients being the first in their families to attend college; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this council does hereby honor, recognize, and thank Dorothy and Hank Evans for their efforts supporting the educational endeavors of the youth of Greater Columbus.