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To Honor and Recognize the Life of Former Senator John H. Glenn, a Lifelong Public Servant and Ohio's Hometown Hero

WHEREAS, John Herschel Glenn was born on July 18, 1921 to Teresa and John Herschel Glenn Sr. in Cambridge, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, he served our country as a Marine Corps pilot, a U.S. Senator from Ohio for four terms, an astronaut, and much more; and

WHEREAS, he became the first American to orbit the Earth in 1962, and then the oldest man in space during his last year in the Senate at age 77 in 1998; and

WHEREAS, John and Annie, his wife of 73 years, founded the John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy and the School of Public Policy and Management in 2005 where the focus has been teaching public policy to tomorrow's leaders, now known as the John Glenn College of Public Affairs; and

WHEREAS, he was presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama in 2012; and

WHEREAS, John Glenn was a dedicated public servant and affectionately known as Ohio's Hometown Hero; and

WHEREAS, due to his many accomplishments the Columbus airport was renamed in his honor as the John Glenn Columbus International Airport, an honor he described as the highest honor he could imagine; and

WHEREAS, John Glenn passed away on December 8, 2016 at 95 years old surrounded by his wife, Annie, and many other family and friends, but has been immortalized in history books, cinema, and in our hearts; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby honor the life of John H. Glenn which he dedicated to public service.