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To Recognize and Celebrate Roger J. Lewis for his Outstanding Artistic Contributions to the Camp Chase Trail and the City of Columbus

WHEREAS, Roger J. Lewis is considered one of the most iconic artists from the City of Columbus, has gained national notoriety for being the only major deconstructivist artist to call our city home, dedicating himself to unique public and private art in his home state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, his art inspires Columbus residents and visitors alike with installations at John Glenn Columbus International Airport, downtown, the Short North, Olde Town East, and the Hilltop, among other local destinations; and

WHEREAS, Roger has recently completed one of the signature public pieces of his career, a ninety-five foot long mural on the Camp Chase Trail in Columbus' Hilltop neighborhood. This vibrant, deconstructivist piece is thought to be the largest mural in our city and is certainly a brightly-colored identifier of the Hilltop; and

WHEREAS, Roger Lewis has had an intense focus on depicting popular culture of the past few decades within his art. This has allowed his art to speak to the current political and social climate of the United States, giving them an inherent, merited value; and

WHEREAS, Roger has not been afraid to stray off the beaten path, pulling a mid-career switch from the post-modern style of art to becoming a deconstructivist. He has excelled in challenging and abutting the current status quo of art established by academics and others. His groundbreaking art has been thought-provoking and trailblazing amongst fans of art, both trained and untrained, here in Columbus and around the world; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate the achievements of Roger J. Lewis and his contribution to the Camp Chase Trail and the City of Columbus on the occasion of Summer Jam West on July 8, 2017.