



Legislation Text

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To Recognize Lieutenant Karl Barth, in Honor of his 56 years of Distinguished Service with the Columbus Division of Police.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Karl Barth is a Columbus native of Columbus's west side and graduate of Columbus's Central High School. He served in the U.S. Navy as a Hospital Corpsman for three and one half years and served in the Navy Reserves for another six and one half years; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Barth is the longest tenured officer in the history of the Columbus Division of Police. During that time he has served in 14 different positions, beginning as a motorcycle officer, later he provided instruction at the Columbus Police Academy, and coordinated public safety for special events; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Barth participated in the inception of some of the most cherished events in Columbus, including Red, White and Boom, Columbus Marathon, Doo Dah Parade, Arnold Expo, the Quarter Horse Congress, the Ford Dealers 500 Race, and the Susan B. Coleman Race for the Cure; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Barth has been involved in providing security detail in conjunction with the United States Secret Service for every United States President since John F. Kennedy in 1960, including Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Wilson Reagan, George H. W. Bush, William J. Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama, and Donald J. Trump in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Barth has also been involved in providing security for every Ohio State Football season since 1962 when Woody Hayes was coaching the Buckeyes; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Barth has come from a long tradition of Columbus Police Officers with his father, Carl Barth, and his brother, Gary Barth, both serving the Division; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Barth has exemplified the core values of the Columbus Division of Police throughout his career. His dedication to the Columbus community and passion for public safety have truly been a blessing to this City and its residents; now therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby express its appreciation for the outstanding contributions that have been made by Lt. Karl Barth during his 56 years of public service to the City of Columbus, and this Council congratulates him on his retirement.