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To commemorate Columbus City Council's 2019 Black History Program by honoring and celebrating the lifetime achievements, contributions and transformational Faith Leadership of Reverend Leon L. Troy, Sr.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus and the members of Columbus City Council are proud to honor and celebrate the legends, legacies, and trailblazers of this community as they represent the prosperity and the transformational leadership that has come to define the tradition of excellence that is Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, Columbus City Council's 2019 Black History Program is proud to honor the legacy and transformational leadership of Reverend Leon L. Troy, Sr. as a shining light in the faith community and the Columbus community at large; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Leon Troy's 50 years of ministry experience and 40 plus years of pastoral leadership has allowed him to pastor 4 different churches throughout the State of Ohio - while Reverend Troy did not begin his pastoral career in Columbus until August 14<sup>th</sup> of 1975 he started his pastoral career in Oxford, Ohio at the First Baptist Church; he's also pastored the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Sandusky; Second Baptist Church in Warren and finally Columbus' historical Second Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Reverend Troy's leadership achievements at Second Baptist Church include leading his congregation with the building of a Million Dollar Educational Wing, establishing the Second Baptist Church Housing Corporation, receiving a \$1,750,000 HUD Project Grant to erect a 45 unit housing complex for the elderly, and helping to implement a food and clothing ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Leon Troy Sr.'s has received numerous awards and honors over the years - however his transformational leadership has not been limited to ecumenical work alone - in fact he continues to serve on numerous boards and committees and during his service as Pastor of Second Baptist church he was appointed by the late Columbus Mayor Dana "Buck" Rinehart to serve as the Special Assistant to the Mayor on Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Leon Troy's international record of service also includes serving as a delegate to the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo, Japan and Stockholm, Sweden as well as being the youngest person elected as president of the Ohio Baptist General Convention which is comprised of more than 350 churches and more than 100,000 members - Reverend Troy also served as the vice president of the National Baptist Convention which has a membership of more than 6,000,000, now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby honor and celebrate the lifetime achievements and contributions of Reverend Leon L. Troy, Sr. and present him with the 2019 James Preston Poindexter Award for being a Shining Light and Transformational Leader in the Faith Community.