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To honor Gary L. Baker, II for his outstanding dedication and service to the Columbus City School District and the City of Columbus

WHEREAS, Gary L. Baker, II is a proud graduate of Otterbein University and is a long time resident of the City of Columbus and a lifetime resident of the Great State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Baker, II is a seasoned and experienced champion for this City, neighborhood development, children and families and has made enormous contributions to public education, neighborhood preservation, and student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Baker, II was first elected to the Columbus Board of Education in 2007, was re-elected in 2011 and 2015 to serve a total of 12 years on the Columbus Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Baker, II was unanimously elected by his peers to serve as Board President in 2014 and was re-elected by his colleagues to serve as Board President five more times in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Baker, II was a part of the leadership team that led a successful levy campaign in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the District's graduation rate steadily improved each year during his term as Board President to the current rate of 82.1 percent; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Baker, II serves as President of the Franklin County School Board Member Alliance and as a long-time member of the Ohio School Boards Association, the National School Boards Association, and the Council of Urban Boards of Education; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Baker, II is serving his sixth year as a member of the Board of Directors of the Council of the Great City Schools; and

WHEREAS, Gary L. Baker, II will complete his twelve-year tenure with the Columbus Board of Education and retire from public service after 25 years of answering his personal calling to servant leadership on December 31, 2019; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby Honor, Recognize, and Celebrate the many outstanding Contributions of Columbus School Board President Gary L. Baker, II to the City of Columbus during the past 25 years.