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To Honor, Recognize and Celebrate the life of Fred Douglas Johnson Jr. and for his Service to Central Ohio

WHEREAS, Fred Douglas Johnson, Jr. was born on January 21, 1934 in Greenville, SC to Fred D. Johnson, Sr. and Loree E. (Hill) Johnson; and

WHEREAS, After high school, Fred enlisted in the United States Air Force for four years where he served in Texas, Mississippi, California, Tripoli and Libya as Staff Sergeant in Ground Radio Communications before he was Honorably Discharged in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Fred returned to the United States and attended Howard University in Washington, DC where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration and graduated with honors in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Fred was united in marriage with Esther Georgia Stratton June 25, 1961 in Washington, DC. Fred and Esther were Confirmed at St. Philip Episcopal Church in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Fred was an active member of St. Philip, having served as Senior Warden as well as a Vestry Member, among many other positions. Fred volunteered and served as Director at the St. Philip Food Pantry for 25 years. Under his leadership the Food Pantry expanded its services to the community and became one of the largest pantries in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Fred won several awards for his photographs at the Ohio State Fair, The Gallery of Fine Arts in Columbus, OH and many other venues. Fred's work titled "Reflections: Politics and Civil Rights 1960-Present" are on display in the Parish Hall of St. Phillip; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby Honor, Recognize and Celebrate the life of Fred Douglas Johnson Jr. for his Service to Central Ohio.