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To celebrate the life and service of Dr. Orville Cottrell Lynch, Sr. and to extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing, Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

WHEREAS, the members of Columbus City Council extend this resolution of expression to honor the life and service of Dr. Orville Cottrell Lynch, Sr. who passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Orville Cottrell Lynch, Sr., age 88, born May 21, 1931 in Columbus, Ohio - Dr. Lynch was a 1949 graduate of East High School, later he attended The Ohio State University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts & Sciences and a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from the OSU College of Dentistry, in 1956 - After graduating, Dr. Lynch was drafted and served two years as a dental officer in the United States Navy where he was stationed in Great Lakes, Illinois - he married his college sweetheart Gwendolyn Reese, on August 31, 1959 - he also briefly practiced dentistry with his father, Dr. H. H. Lynch, before opening his own business in 1958 - He remained in this practice from (1958-1988) - during this time he also served for 13 years as part of the dental staff for the Orient State Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch's past memberships include being a Life Member of The Ohio State University Dental Alumni Society, a member of the Columbus Dental Society, a member of the American Dental Association; (Ohio Chapter) he also served as the Vice President of the National Dental Association; and was a Board Member for the Central Community House; he served as a committee member on the House on Aging for Columbus & Central Ohio; as well as a member of the Columbus Association of Dentists; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch had a quiet strength and an equally quiet sense of humor- He was an avid fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes, especially the football and basketball teams; he enjoyed music, movies, and good food; he also appreciated researching health and nutrition information and sharing this information with others, and he enjoyed participating in physical fitness programs, especially swimming, walking, and biking; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lynch leaves a legacy of leadership and service that this community will cherish and a void which will be missed - He is preceded in death by his parents Dr. Herston H. and Beadie Hollingsworth Lynch, brothers Amos (Geri) Lynch, Nelson (Mary) Lynch, and David Lynch, infants Herston Jr. and Franklin Lynch, infant sister Ernestine Lynch, brothers-in-law Dr. Ralph Bonner and Harry Williams, sisters-in-law Marie (James) Jarrett and Norma Jean Maddox. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 60 years, Gwendolyn Reese Lynch; daughter, Michele Lynch; son, Orville (Sharon) Lynch, Jr.; grandson, Brandon Curtis-Lynch; great grandson, Christian Jordan; sister, Jevelyn Bonner; brother, Hugh (Jeanette) Lynch; sisters-in-law, Willene Williams, Beverly (Joe) Crim; and Elaine Walker; and a host of other relatives and friends; now therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby celebrate the life and service of Dr. Orville Cottrell Lynch, Sr. and extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends on the occasion of his passing, Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

