

## City of Columbus

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## **Legislation Text**

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To honor, recognize and celebrate the life of Ms. Terri A. Knowles and to extend our sincerest condolences to her family and friends on the occasion of her passing.

**WHEREAS**, the members of Columbus City Council extend this resolution of expression to honor the life and service of Ms. Terri A. Knowles who passed away; and

WHEREAS, Terri was a committed member of the Ohio Sickle Cell and Health Association who joins this council in celebrating her life and commitment as an associate, friend and advocate of Sickle Cell Health; and

WHEREAS, Terri was a role model for many who had Sickle Cell Disease - she never let her disease limit her from completing her education and becoming a nurse or anything else; and

WHEREAS, Terri will be remembered for her against the odds, ups, downs and all obstacles spirit - she was determined to live and celebrate life to the fullest; and

WHEREAS, Terri got married and despite all the reasons of why she should not have children, she with her courageous spirit, to the contrary, focused on the many reasons why she should - she often stated that during her pregnancy, her sickle cell condition miraculously improved and she gave birth to twins Alawwal and Alaakhir - Islamic names meaning the First and the Last; and

WHEREAS, Terri worked in the Ohio Sickle Cell and Health Association offices as a nurse outreach educator for many years and assisted in all types of events and awareness activities - she assisted family support groups and served a spokesperson for the American Red Cross - often speaking about the importance and the need for minorities to donate blood; and

**WHEREAS,** Terri was a force to be reckoned with - despite her daily battle with sickle cell disease, she lived a happy, productive life as a mother, wife, nurse, educator, advocate, friend and a role model to others; 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 Ms. Terri A. Knowles - a faithful member of this community and a committed advocate of Sickle Cell Health.