



Legislation Text

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To celebrate the life, legacy and service of Dr. Terrance Dean and extend our deepest condolences to his family on his passing; Thursday, August 11th 2022.

WHEREAS, the members of Columbus City Council extend this resolution of expression to honor the life, legacy, and service of Dr. Terrance Dean who passed-away on Thursday, August 11th, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dean was born on September 8th 1968 in Detroit, Michigan and received his Ph.D. in Religion and African American Diaspora Studies from Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Dr. Dean joined Denison's faculty in Granville as an assistant professor in the Black Studies department, where he founded Denison's William Payne Innovation Lab for Racial, Social, Political and Communal Sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dean was a contributing writer to several anthologies including Souls of My Brothers and Always Too Soon, and wrote for various publishers including, The Columbus Dispatch, Essence, Huffington Post, The New York Sun and was featured in Newsweek, Time Magazine, The BBC and more; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Dr. Dean was named the first Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson Scholar-in-Residence at the Columbus Museum of Art, where he was tasked with rebuilding, organizing, and archiving the library of world-renowned artist Aminah Robinson; and

WHEREAS, he was a mentor to many and a brilliant individual whose work focused on uplifting marginalized voices; Dr. Dean used his skills as a writer to promote racial equity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dean was called home on August 11th 2022, leaving a legacy of leadership and service that this community will cherish and a void which will be missed; now therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby honor and celebrate the life, legacy and service of Dr. Terrance Dean and extend our deepest condolences to his family on his passing; Thursday, August 11th 2022.