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To honor and recognize the Nana's Night Lights program for the invaluable service that they provide to senior citizens in our community.

WHEREAS, the elderly are often barricaded in their own home at night, isolated, and afraid to go out, terrified of the criminal element outside; and,

WHEREAS, the elderly are often the victims of crimes, in part because they usually live alone and are seen as easy targets for scam artists, burglars, and other predators; and,

WHEREAS, Columbus Police Officer Amy Welsh, working third shift and seeing her share of seniors being victimized, began to notice a pattern to the burglaries in which the elderly were targeted because of poorly lit back and side areas of their homes; and,

WHEREAS, the fear in these elderly victims was so profound that Officer Welsh and her husband, Tim, a Columbus Police officer also ,began installing motion sensor security lights for senior citizens on their own time and with their own funds; and,

WHEREAS, Nana's Nightlights was born; and,

Whereas, The Welshes and several other volunteers-also police officers-have installed over 275 lights and work to educate Senior Citizens on how to better protect themselves; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby honor and recognize Nana's Night Lights for the invaluable service that they provide to senior citizens in Columbus, Ohio.