

RESOLUTION NO. 115-2025(COTW), *First Reading*

By President Cuda

A Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Christopher Daryl Brown; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, Christopher Daryl Brown was born on January 22, 1949, in Shreveport, Louisiana, the eldest of seven siblings, and moved with his family to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1953, where he began a lifelong commitment to faith, learning, and service; and

WHEREAS, he was active in school, church, and the Boy Scouts, later attending Max S. Hayes Vocational High School while working part-time jobs that shaped his strong work ethic; and

WHEREAS, after graduating high school, Christopher secured employment at White Motors Corporation and soon after made the selfless decision to volunteer for service in the United States Army during the Vietnam War era, where he served with honor as a Military Police officer, including overseas tours in Germany, and earned the National Defense Service Medal and Expert and Sharpshooter qualifications; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, he joined the Ohio National Guard, attended Cuyahoga Community College, and raised two daughters while continuing his career with UPS, TRW, and Van Dorn Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Christopher became a proud Cleveland Heights homeowner at age 26 and was known for his love of history, language, country music, and horses, as well as for mentoring family and sharing his passions with the community; and

WHEREAS, he was a dedicated Cleveland sports fan whose love of the Browns and Cavaliers brought joy to those around him; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Daryl Brown's life was marked by devotion to family, service to country, love of learning, and an unshakable sense of humor and pride in community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council honors the life and legacy of Christopher Daryl Brown and extends heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

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SECTION 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be presented to his family in recognition of his lasting impact and service.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 4. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights, or by posting the full text of this Resolution on the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 5. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize the life and legacy of Christopher Daryl Brown in a timely manner. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



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TONY CUDA  
President of Council



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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

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PASSED: June 16, 2025

Presented to Mayor: 06/18/2025 Effective date: 06/27/2025\*

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor

\*Effective date per Article IV, Section 5 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights