

Proclamation No. 16-0859 Honoring Wallace M. "Wally" Ginn for his Public Service and Declaring October 1 as Wally Ginn Day

WHEREAS, the City Council of Denver wishes to recognize Wallace M. "Wally" Ginn for his service to the citizens of the City and County of Denver, Denver's North High School and the citizens of North Denver; and

WHEREAS, Wally, first citizen of North Denver, died at age 90, on August 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Wally, a Denver native, graduated from Denver's North High School and, after graduating from the University of Denver, taught in the Denver Public School system; and

WHEREAS, Wally had a lifelong dedication to education and, in particular, a commitment to furthering the education and literacy of students in the Denver Public School system and his alma mater; and

WHEREAS, Wally was a crucial founder of the North Side High School Alumni Association and its superb North Side High School Alumni Center, which contains an outstanding collection of records and memorabilia of alumni, faculty and staff of North High School as well as that of citizens, businesses and organizations of North Denver; and

WHEREAS, Wally was intimately involved in and advocated for renovation of the 1911 North Side High School, calling attention to its architectural treasures; and

WHEREAS, Wally was a moving force in preserving the Golda Meir House; and

WHEREAS, Wally was instrumental in establishing the North Side High School Alumni Scholarship Foundation, which currently awards twenty-six scholarships annually to graduates of North High School; and

WHEREAS, Wally was involved in numerous civic activities benefitting the citizens of North Denver and in so doing, displayed the ability to be an advocate, while remaining friends with one and all; and

WHEREAS, Wally was affectionately known as "Mr. North High School" to the citizens of North Denver.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver, to acknowledge Wallace M. "Wally" Ginn for his public service declares Saturday, October 1 as "Wally Ginn Day".

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the North Side High School Alumni Association.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 26, 2016

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