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## **Bailey W. Turner Honored for 22 Years of Service as a Library Trustee Named Trustee Emeritus**

Bailey W. Turner, a Public Library Board of Trustee member for 22 years, was honored recently for his years of dedication and service. In recognition of his 22 years of continued service, at its Regular Meeting on January 9, 2007, the Members of the Board of Trustees conferred upon Mr. Turner the lifetime honorary title of Trustee Emeritus of the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County.

Mr. Turner was first appointed to the Board of Library Trustees in 1984 by the Judges of the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas to fill the unexpired term of John T. Nolan, Jr. At that time he was an adjunct professor of community planning at the University of Cincinnati and an independent insurance consultant. He served as President of the Board in 1990, 1997, and 2002 as well as several terms as Vice President and Secretary. Mr. Turner most recently served as Chairman of the Legislative Affairs & Law Committee, and also served on the Community & Public Relations and Finance & Audit Committees.

A native of the small town of Sadlerville, Tennessee, he was named Alumnus of the Year in 1965 by his alma mater, Tennessee State University, where he majored in physical education. Mr. Turner received a masters in education from Pennsylvania State University in 1957. He has done post-graduate work at Miami University and the University of Cincinnati, and received a Ph.D. in community development from The Union Institute and University in 1977.

Mr. Turner, who is retired Manager of Community Initiatives for the Cincinnati/Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA), first joined the CAA as a field director in 1964. An avid life-long reader and passionate believer that education is the key to success, Mr. Turner served as a Trustee of the Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati from 1994–2000. He had a distinguished career in community service in Mt. Auburn, Walnut Hills, the Heinhold Area, and Winton Hills, where he helped organize community councils. In 1967 he also served as President of the Board of United Way/Community Council in Avondale, where he still resides. In addition, Mr. Turner is past president of the Ohio Black Political Assembly, was an active member of the Coalition of Concerned Black Citizens and a Republican candidate for Cincinnati City Council in 1984. He is Trustee Emeritus for Union Baptist Church, where he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1987-1999 and was Chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee.

Mr. Turner has been an Instructor of the Political Development National Black Assembly in Little Rock, Arkansas, and a member of Prince Hall FAM, West End Community Council, Consultant for the Pendleton Heritage Center, and served on the Board of CIC—

Village of Lincoln Heights. He also served as President of the Coalition to Save Hillcrest Cemetery. A veteran of the Korean campaign, serving three and a half years in the United States Air Force, Mr. Turner has also served on the Community Chest and is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. A resident of Avondale, he has been married for 49 years to his wife, Ruby, a retired schoolteacher, and has two daughters, two granddaughters, and two grandsons.