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To Recognize and Honor the Recipients of the George Meany Youth Service Award for Their Efforts to Support Columbus's Homeless Population

WHEREAS, four years ago, a group of Bexley High School students took it upon themselves to create and organize an event to fundraise for and bring awareness to the homeless population in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, as a group, spearheaded by an AP Government student who developed the idea, the students collaborated with the City and community businesses to collect the necessary permits and donations to successfully host the outdoor event in a public park; and

WHEREAS, through the overnight event in which community members are encouraged to sleep in the park and bring toiletries and other necessities to donate to shelters across Columbus, this student-hosted event effectively invites residents to experience homelessness, empathize with our homeless population, and assist them through small donations; and

WHEREAS, since the event's formulation in 2014, the students have managed to donate over \$10,000 to local shelters and raise awareness among our community; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of aiding and protecting our homeless population and the continued dedication of Columbus's youth to supporting the issue; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby recognize and honor the Bexley Sleep Out and their receipt of the George Meany Youth Service Award for their efforts to support Columbus's homeless population on March 1st, 2018.