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To recognize and congratulate Mary “Jo” Pass for receiving the 2013 Ray Collier Special Recognition Award upon the occasion of the 26th Annual Labor’s Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

WHEREAS, Mary “Jo” Pass moved to Columbus from Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Ms. Pass started working for the City of Columbus CETA program and later went to work for the State of Ohio in 1984; and

WHEREAS, while working for the State of Ohio, Ms. Pass witnessed several cases of unfair labor practices and favoritism in selections for promotion. This motivated her to help organize a union chapter to represent her and her coworkers. This chapter was known as OCSEA Chapter 2545 SOT (State Office Tower); and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pass went on to hold various leadership positions in her local including secretary, executive board member and president; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pass was instrumental in getting OCSEA the right to represent bargaining unit members in the State of Ohio by organizing state employees; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pass has served three terms as treasurer of the Columbus Chapter of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists and volunteered to be the fundraising chair; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pass’ commitment to labor rights reflects the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Her achievements and contributions make her deserving of the 2013 Ray Collier Special Recognition Award; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby recognize and congratulate Mary “Jo” Pass for receiving the 2013 B. Marie Clarke Community Service Award and thank her for her continued service and dedication to the Columbus community.