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To recognize the Bicentennial Edition of the annual Capital City Half Marathon on Saturday, May 5th, 2012.

WHEREAS, the Capital City Half Marathon, founded in 2004 by M3S Sports, has steadily grown into one of the largest half marathons in the Midwest and continues its evolution into a regional and national event with participants from 50 states and three nations; and

WHEREAS, the Capital City Half Marathon slated for Saturday, May 5th, 2012 has become the ultimate spring celebration of the active, healthy lifestyle in our community with over 13,000 runners/walkers and features four distinct races, including the namesake 13.1 mile half marathon; and

WHEREAS, the Capital City Half Marathon attracts an estimated 30,000 people to downtown Columbus and generates over \$4 million in visitor spending in restaurants, retail, transportation, recreation, and lodging; and

WHEREAS, members of the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the U.S. Army National Guard, stationed at Camp Mike Spann in northern Afghanistan, will participate in a “shadow run,” where they will run at the same time as the 13,000 participants, including family and friends of those serving with the brigade, will run here in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, this year’s race will feature a championship course that will take runners to a new finish line at one of the most recent additions to our flourishing downtown area, the Columbus Commons, which will also feature all of the post-race festivities; and

WHEREAS, this year’s Capital City Half Marathon will also feature the Capital City Quarter Marathon, which will take runners and walkers along a 6.55-mile course through downtown Columbus and the Short North Arts District; the Commit to Be Fit 5K Run/Walk; and the Capital Kids Mascot Chase, an annual fun run for children and mascots of all ages with all proceeds benefiting the Capital Kids Afterschool program; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Capital City Half Marathon will strive to raise at least \$1 million for a variety of charities - including The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Team in Training and the American Cancer Society’s DetermiNation

programs - through a program that encourages participants to “run and walk for a reason.”; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby thank M3S Sports Race Director David Babner and his entire team for creating and growing this champion event in Columbus and along with all the citizens of Columbus we celebrate the Bicentennial Edition of the annual Capital City Half Marathon and wish the thousands of runners and walkers the best of luck throughout their journey on Saturday, May 5th, 2012.