



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To Honor, Recognize, and Celebrate the Retirement of Benton “Neal” Amburgey, Jr.

WHEREAS, this Council honors and recognizes Benton “Neal” Amburgey, Jr. for his outstanding service to his community by giving his skills, energy, time, and commitment toward the betterment the City of Columbus, local union workers, and the city’s construction industry; and

WHEREAS, Neal has been a member of Ironworkers Local 172 for over forty years, serving nine in elected union office and eight as a business manager, and he is a proud second-generation union Ironworker; and

WHEREAS, Neal has proudly served as a Trustee of Ironworkers Local 172, uplifting the voices and interests of craftsmen and women in the Columbus region; and

WHEREAS, Neal was instrumental in the creation and expansion of the Building Futures Apprenticeship Readiness Program, which has helped hundreds without past experience in the construction trades find a well-paying and meaningful careers in the building trades;

WHEREAS, Neal helped lead efforts at Ironworkers Local 172 to expand its training center to allow more in the Columbus community to have access to world class workforce training in the building trades;

WHEREAS, as a representative on the Executive Board of the Columbus Building Trades Council, Neal’s advocacy and leadership helped promote healthy labor-management relationships between employers and employees in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, Neal served as a representative on the Executive Boards of the Ohio State Building & Construction Trades Council and the affiliated Construction Trades Ohio, where he helped advocate for fair wages, workforce training, industry regulations, and safety standards; and

WHEREAS, Neal’s leadership in the Central Ohio labor community will be greatly missed as he is a fierce advocate for his members, and all workers in the Building Trades; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: that we honor and recognize Benton “Neal” Amburgey, Jr. for his lasting contributions to the City of Columbus and its union construction industry.