



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To Recognize and Celebrate Habiba Bankston's Leadership of the Columbus Urban League Young Professionals

**WHEREAS**, Habiba Bankston is the current president of Columbus Urban League Youth Professionalism for several years and has helped teach and connect members of the Columbus community; and

**WHEREAS**, Habiba Bankston attended and graduated from Columbus City Schools and Ohio State where she caught the attention of Congresswoman Joyce Beatty for her leadership in activities and programs for African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Habiba Bankston was introduced to Columbus Urban League by Congresswoman Beatty and began volunteering for the organization where she then caught the attention of the Columbus Urban League president, Stephanie Hightower; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephanie Hightower asked Habiba Bankston to revamp the young professional network and thus she championed increasing the number of members and community involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, Habiba Bankston's efforts with youth and community involvement in Columbus Urban League resulted in the launch of the Columbus Urban League Youth Professionals organization in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Under Habiba Bankston's leadership, CULYP saw its membership rise to nearly 300 members of Columbus's community, she helped establish Black Restaurant Week in 2017 to highlight minority-owned restaurants, her philanthropy work has helped fundraise for the cure to sickle cell lead her to start the #Beyondthecell social media webpage; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That we hereby recognize and celebrate Hibiba Bankston's leadership of the Columbus Urban League Young Professionals