



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To honor and congratulate Barbara E. Riley for receiving the 2011 Heritage Award for Caring.

**WHEREAS**, Barbara E. Riley has spent more than 20 years in the field of public service, tirelessly advocating and leading the way for those whose voice is often not heard; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Riley has championed for increased home and community based services for Ohio seniors serving as Senior Executive for the Ohio Department of Aging for the last four years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Riley was instrumental in assuring the delivery of essential services including meals, transportation and home health for over 350,000 older Ohioans. She was also responsible for the administration of the Golden Buckeye and Best Rx discount cards used by 2 million plus individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Riley helped protect vulnerable Ohioans by building a coalition of stakeholders to better balance long-term home care for approximately 50,000 senior and disabled individuals and has led over 500 agencies to meet the changing needs of Ohio elders in times of diminishing resources; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to joining the Ohio Department of Aging, Ms. Riley was the Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Division Chief for the Ohio Legislative Budget Office; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Riley has served on the Task Force on Child and Family Law-Appointed by Ohio's Supreme Court Chief Justice Moyer and as Chair for the Supreme Court Task Force Subcommittee on Child Welfare. She also serves as a board member of various community and national non-profit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her career, Ms. Riley has been a leader in our community who embodies the spirit of community caring. She is a woman of great tenacity, perseverance and determination and her career has taken her full circle as she has advocated with distinction and an unwavering commitment for the rights and needs of children to the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Riley is married to Tom McIndoe and they reside in Victorian Village. Her leadership and civic involvement has provided a legacy throughout central Ohio, bringing to the forefront aging with independence and dignity; now, therefore

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

That this council does hereby honor and congratulate Barbara E. Riley for receiving the 2011 Heritage Award for Caring and thank her for her commitment to making a difference in the lives of all seniors in Ohio.