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Legislation Text

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To commemorate Columbus Children's Theater on their 50th anniversary inspiring and enriching the lives of children and families through live theatre and education.

WHEREAS, Sis Bloom and Edie Mae Herrell founded what today is known as Columbus Children's Theater to offer classes in theatre and production for children throughout central Ohio in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Children's Theatre since its inception has staged thousands of productions traveling the State of Ohio and abroad to serve as a cultural steward of the Columbus community; and

WHEREAS, the theatre education involves young people from diverse backgrounds to foster self-esteem and discovery by emphasizing discipline, integrity, team building and communication skills in a positive and creative environment; and

WHEREAS, The Child Writing Project was started in cooperation with Columbus City Schools and now serves students from around the state, encouraging young people to write scripts, songs, or poems; ultimately competing to see works mounted on a professional stage and shown throughout Ohio as part of the Columbus Children's Theatre Professional Touring Company; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Children's Theatre Academy provides exciting, fun and enriching classes focusing on theatre arts education for children and teens ages 3 through 18 by theatre professionals that gives individual attention and feedback while inspiring young performers; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Children's Theater became the Resident Company of the newly renovated Lincoln Theater in 2009 performing *The Wizard of Oz*, which was the first major production in the Lincoln Theater; and

WHEREAS, the 50th anniversary Columbus Children's Theatre will embark upon a strategic planning process setting the stage for the beginning of the next fifty years, includes plans to build a new state of the art theatre space; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby honor and recognize Columbus Children's Theatre for 50 years of providing an invaluable cultural asset to our community and improving the quality of life for residents in central Ohio.