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Legislation Text

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To recognize the 2010 Civil Rights Celebration sponsored by the Columbus NAACP in honor of Black History Month

WHEREAS, the mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, for almost a century, the NAACP has fought for the rights of the disenfranchised through grass roots organizing, political action and judicial relief; and

WHEREAS, as the nation's oldest civil rights organization, the NAACP has forever changed American history and the discourse of equality; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus, Ohio branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was organized on February 18, 1915 in the Spring Street branch of the YMCA; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Black History Month, the Columbus NAACP is sponsoring the Civil Rights Celebration on February 26, 2010 at the King Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Celebration encourages academic excellence in area young people to think about equality for today and the future through a citywide student competition honoring a civil rights icon, and

WHEREAS, this year, students were asked to creatively depict the life of Mr. Samuel Plato, who became the first and only African American Architect (of his day) to receive government contracts to build post offices; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Plato designed and built a wide variety of buildings from New York to Alabama, eight of which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, in Columbus, Mr. Plato is credited for the construction of the Pythian Theatre in the King Arts Complex, the very same theatre where the students will perform their understanding of his legacy; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby recognize the 2010 Civil Rights Celebration sponsored by the Columbus NAACP in honor of Black History Month.