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Legislation Text

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To recognize Columbus Department of Public Service Assistant Director Mary Carran Webster for her years of service to the City of Columbus and its residents.

WHEREAS, Department of Public Service Assistant Director Mary Carran Webster for the last nine years has served the City of Columbus with distinction and demonstrated an exemplary commitment to the safety and quality of life of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mary Carran Webster, alias The Snow Lady, has braved blizzards, 20-inch snow storms, ice storms and rush hour snow storms and showers, all under the unblinking gaze of local media at all hours of the day and night, weekends and holidays; and

WHEREAS, Mary Carran Webster's name appeared in the Columbus Dispatch's "The Watch" column so often, they should have named it "The We're Watching YOU Mary Webster" column; and

WHEREAS, Mary Carran Webster had the most popular City of Columbus phone number after 3-1-1; and

WHEREAS, Mary Carran Webster's aliases also include "The Pothole Queen;" and

WHEREAS, Mary Carran Webster was pursued by local TV stations each winter for the coveted Mary Webster-Doing-An-Interview-In-Front-Of-The-Salt-Barn-In-A-Driving- Snowstorm shot; and

WHEREAS, Mary Carran Webster has rightfully earned the respect of her colleagues and local media for her tireless dedication to telling the story of how Columbus' Snow Warriors work around the clock, regardless the severity of storms or temperatures, to serve residents and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Mary Carran Webster, in a previous life, set the bar high for today's journalists with her hard-hitting style as a reporter, and later molded the minds of future journalists as a journalism school faculty member; and

WHEREAS, Mary Carran Webster has further shown her love for, and dedication to, her community for the past 25 years through her support of the arts in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Mary Carran Webster's true affection for snow is best demonstrated in her move to northern Ohio where many, many feet of lake effect snow will pile outside her window each winter; and

WHEREAS, Mary Carran Webster will be genuinely be missed by friends and colleagues as she sets out on the next chapter in her life as she retires from the City on April 30, 2009; now, therefore

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

That the Columbus City Council proudly recognizes Mary Carran Webster for her exemplary leadership and service to the City of Columbus and its residents for the past nine years, her unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for all in Columbus and for making this the best city in the nation to live, work, play, raise a family and revel in snow.