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To Recognize and Congratulate Joan Fluharty for Receiving the B. Marie Clarke Community Service Award upon the Occasion of the 29th Annual Labor Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

WHEREAS, Joan Fluharty is a long-standing member of United Food & and Commercial Workers Local 1059; and

WHEREAS, Joan began her labor career, working for The Kroger Company and joining UFCW 1059 at the age of 16; and

WHEREAS, Joan Fluharty was hired as a labor liaison for the United Way Community Services Department in July of 2002 and she became the Director of the Community Services Department in 2011. Joan worked to assist workers and people in need, from food referrals to housing issues and building ramps for the handicapped. Joan lead many projects sponsored between the Central Labor Council and UWCO Community Services Department, including the Unions Share/Christmas Care Program, an annual holiday food drive where local unions pair up with St. Stephen's Community House to serve families in need and provide them with a week's worth of food during the holidays and school break; and

WHEREAS, Joan encourages unions to "tell their story" by making sure they report their volunteer activities; and

WHEREAS, Joan Fluharty was the recipient of the B. Marie Clarke Community Service Award by the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists at the 29th Annual Labor Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Brunch on Saturday, January 9th, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Joan Fluharty's commitments to labor rights reflect the spirit of Martin Luther King Day, his contributions and achievements making him worthy of being a recipient of the B. Marie Clarke Community Service Award; now therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby recognize and congratulate Joan Fluharty for receiving the B. Marie Clarke Community Service Award and thank her for her continued service and dedication to labor rights.