



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To recognize and congratulate the Central Ohio Division of the March of Dimes for the work it does to saves babies' lives.

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the March of Dimes to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality is carried out through research, education, advocacy and community service; and

**WHEREAS**, birth defects strike more than 250,000 babies in the United States each year and 77 babies die before their first birthday each day; and

**WHEREAS**, in an average week in Ohio, 352 babies are born preterm (before the 37<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy) and 233 babies are born low birthweight (less than 5.5 pounds) and the rate of preterm birth is highest for African-Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, a few of the major milestones achieved by the March of Dimes include development of the polio vaccine, a nationwide system of neonatal intensive care units, early research in the development of therapy to treat respiratory distress syndrome, and a nationwide campaign informing the American public of the importance of folic acid in the prevention of birth defects; and

**WHEREAS**, on Monday, October 31, 2005, the March of Dimes will host its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Real Estate Awards Luncheon at the Blackwell at The Ohio State University from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm; and

**WHEREAS**, the luncheon is an opportunity for the Central Ohio Division of the March of Dimes to honor outstanding individuals and companies whose commercial real estate activities have significantly enhanced the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, this years honorees include The Ohio State University and Campus Partners in recognition of the world class South Campus Gateway project; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the luncheon is to raise \$50,000 for the "Help Fund Breakthroughs for Babies" campaign and 75% of every dollar raised goes directly to support the mission of the March of Dimes; now, therefore

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

That Columbus City Council commends the Central Division of the March of Dimes for its ongoing investment in life-saving research and programs so that every parent will know the joy of a healthy newborn.