



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To Recognize Assistant Chief Richard D. Ballard in Honor of his 33 years of Distinguished Service with the Columbus Division of Fire

**WHEREAS**, on July 12, 1987 Assistant Chief Richard Ballard began his career with the Columbus Division of Fire; and

**WHEREAS**, Assistant Chief Ballard was promoted within the Columbus Division of Fire to Lieutenant on July 17, 1995; Captain on January 23, 2000; Battalion Chief on February 13, 2005; and Deputy Chief on July 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, a native of Central Ohio, Assistant Chief Ballard is a graduate of Hamilton Township High School, he earned his bachelor's degree from Wilberforce University in Organizational Management; and

**WHEREAS**, Assistant Chief Ballard has left a significant impact on the Division of Fire through the design and construction of Fire Station 2 on East Fulton Street, Fire Station 35 on Waggoner Road, and Fire Station 16 on Oakland Park Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Ballard played a significant role in the innovation of Fire Stations, ensuring that each met LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) internationally recognized green building certification standards; and

**WHEREAS**, His attention to enhancing firefighter safety and health is evident in the design of Fire Station 35, which incorporates elements that considerably reduce firefighters' exposure to carcinogens; and

**WHEREAS**, Assistant Chief Ballard was respected by his peers for his professionalism and his dedication to the residents of Columbus and the members of the Columbus Division of Fire; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby express its appreciation for the outstanding contributions that have been made by Assistant Chief Richard Ballard during his 33 years of public service to the City of Columbus.