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To Recognize and Celebrate the Historical Significance of the Summit Station Bar

WHEREAS, in 1970 Petie Brown, aspiring singer and trumpeter, got a part-time job at the bar located at 2210 Summit Street, then called Jack's A Go Go, and

WHEREAS, Petie Brown was a lesbian bartender and as such, attracted other lesbians into the space at a time when there were no LGBTQ+ spaces focused on women; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its importance to the LGBTQ+ community, in 1980 bartender Petie Brown purchased the bar and renamed it Summit Station; and

WHEREAS, the bar was consistently recognized as one of the largest and longest-lasting women's bars in the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Summit Station provided a safe space for lesbians, transgender women, and women of diverse backgrounds for nearly 40 years until its closure; and

WHEREAS, Summit Station actively supported the broader LGBTQ+ community in Columbus by hosting benefits for causes like the Columbus AIDS Task Force, Children's Hospital programs to support people affected by HIV, and Stonewall Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Summit Station played an important role in making Columbus a diverse, equitable, and inclusive city and is worthy of special recognition as one of the City of Columbus' first community spaces for gay women; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council recognizes and celebrates the historical significance of the Summit Station bar; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Council formally supports the installation of an Ohio Historical Marker recognizing the Summit Station bar's significance at its former location at 2210 Summit Street.