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Legislation Text

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To honor and recognize the Hilltop Business Association and the 2012 Historic Hilltop Bean Dinner, and to declare June 23, 2012, "Bean Dinner Day" in Columbus.

WHEREAS, the Hilltop Business Association was established in 1926 with the purpose of developing and improving the Hilltop area of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, prior to the 1930s, the Hilltop Business Association (then the Hilltop Businessmen's Association) would sponsor yearly picnics at Buckeye Lake as a way to thank their customers for their business throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the picnics eventually became annual bean dinners, held for three straight days - Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday - from noon until around 9:00 p.m., with beans cooked in large pots on open fires and businesses displaying goods and distributing samples; and

WHEREAS, during the late 1950s and early 1960s, a carnival was added as an attraction, drawing visitors from all over the city to the Hilltop; and

WHEREAS, after a hiatus of several years, the Hilltop Business Association revived the bean dinner in 1981, and since then, people from around the city and state have returned each year to the Hilltop to enjoy the festivities and visit with old friends; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Hilltop Bean Dinner, a cherished institution in both the neighborhood and the city at large, will be held this year on June 23, 2012, from 10am to 5pm at Westgate Park; now, therefore

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

That we do hereby honor and recognize the Hilltop Business Association and the 2012 Historic Hilltop Bean Dinner and declare June 23, 2012, "Bean Dinner Day" in Columbus.