



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To recognize Kyle Taylor Parker for securing the lead role of “Lola” in *Kinky Boots The Musical*

**WHEREAS**, Kyle Taylor Parker is an African American performer who is currently starring as Lola in the first national touring production of the Tony-winning musical *Kinky Boots*, now playing at the Ohio Theatre through Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Parker developed his love of acting in his youth, and was inspired to perform on Broadway after seeing the Tony Award-Winning production, *Annie*; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Parker dedicated many summers in his youth to attending and performing at various performing arts camps, including: Howard University Performing Arts Summer Theatre Camp in Washington D.C.; Interlochen Performing Arts Academy, in Interlochen, Michigan; Davis Performing Arts Center, in Columbus, OH; and Young Performers Theatre Camp in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Parker lived in West Africa for three years as a young child while his mother worked in public health to provide individuals with tools they needed to live healthy lives. During this time, Mr. Parker sang and performed in church and community events, and eventually recorded his first CD at the age of nine; and

**WHEREAS**, While in high school, Mr. Parker wrote, produced, and choreographed his own stageplay entitled “Urban Underground”. The play was financed, and promoted by the Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, and performances were also held at the center; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Parker has shown through his recent successes as a performer, that he is a skilled actor, whose name is justly placed among the bright lights of Broadway, Now therefore;

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

That this Council recognizes Broadway performer, Kyle Taylor Parker for securing the lead role of “Lola” in *Kinky Boots The Musical*, and wishes him continued success in all of his endeavors.