



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To honor and recognize the contributions of Esther Simmons in bettering the lives of disabled residents in the City of Columbus.

**WHEREAS**, Esther Simmons began her work with disabled citizens in the City of Columbus in 1969 at the Columbus Developmental Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Esther Simmons also served the City of Columbus by being the sole proprietor of a home for disabled residents from 1979 to 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1994, Esther Simmons, along with her daughter, Gwen Fells, established a 501(c)(3) organization, Jireh Services, Inc. to better meet the needs of the residents of the City of Columbus and Franklin County; and

**WHEREAS**, Esther Simmons has been a mentor, mother, and grandmother to hundreds of individuals in the City of Columbus and elsewhere; and

**WHEREAS**, Esther Simmons has employed many disadvantaged individuals in her quest to provide opportunities to single mothers and college-aged students looking to get work experience; and

**WHEREAS**, Esther Simmons and her husband, Julian Simmons, have served as foster parents for kids within the Franklin County Children Services system; now, therefore

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

That we do hereby honor and recognize the contributions of Esther Simmons; mentor, mother, and grandmother to hundreds of individuals in the City of Columbus and elsewhere.