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WHEREAS, The BATS organization began in October 16, 1986, known as the Berliner Action Team for Softball. In 2006, the name was changed to Berliner Action Team for Sports; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this organization is to support, foster, aid and enhance the sports programs for the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department and to assist their efforts by securing support from public and private sources; and

WHEREAS, On February 17, 1987, B.A.T.S. was registered with the Secretary of State as a non-profit group. They soon began to upgrade the facilities at Berliner Park. Initially, B.A.T.S. organized volunteer work groups and in 1988, the 20-year-old stand was revitalized with \$45,000.00 in donated labor and materials. From that time through 2005, B.A.T.S. provided over \$650,000.00 worth of improvements to Berliner and other city facilities; and

WHEREAS, More recently the B.A.T.S. Board changed their focus and their operations with the help of the Sports Office. The decision was made to partner with other organizations to run and operate tournaments and to host special events. Last year, B.A.T.S. made an economic impact of \$66 million dollars to the City; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby

congratulate “Berliner Action Team for Sports,” on 30 years of service in the City of Columbus.