

Legislation Text

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To Honor and Recognize Summit for Soldiers and their Efforts to Eliminate Suffering from Service-Related Mental Health Injuries and Prevent Incidents of Veteran Suicide.

**WHEREAS**, Twenty-two United States military service Veterans take their own lives a day as a result of disturbing mental health effects of warfare, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and social stigma; and

**WHEREAS**, Summit for Soldiers was founded in 2009 to utilize outdoor adventure programs to provide camaraderie, support, education, encouragement as a therapeutic approach to healing and recovery for Veterans, service-members and family members who are living with or suffering from service-related mental health injuries or loss to suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, Summit for Soldiers founded, "adven-therapy", a proactive approach to assist military service Veterans in enrolling into applicable external services, and providing guidance and liaison to other Veteran services organizations, resources and programs that may be more specific to their immediate and long-term needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Summit for Soldiers has launched their National Campaign to summit the highest point of fifty states nationwide, to engage state leaders and Veteran service-members to help us eliminate social stigma, reach out to one another, and eliminate incidents of Veteran suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, Upon the Summit for Soldiers' mission to the Ohio Statehouse, the City of Columbus commends Summit for Soldiers' continued support of local Veterans and the lasting impact and contributions made to eliminate suffering from service-related mental health injuries and prevent incidents of Veteran suicide in our community; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby honor and recognize the Summit for Soldiers on March 20, 2017.