



Legislation Text

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To Recognize and Celebrate Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop upon Receiving the American Library Association's Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement

WHEREAS, Rudine Sims Bishop is being recognized by the American Library Association for her phenomenal career in literature as the recipient of the 2017 Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at The Ohio State University, Dr. Bishop has not only been renowned as an influential scholar in the field of multicultural children's literature, but has served on University personnel committees, the Faculty Senate, the college council, and was Chair of the Language, Literacy, and Cultural section within the Department of Teaching and Learning and was co-chair of the annual Children's Literature Conference at The Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bishop has accumulated notable and frequent national recognition for her contributions to the field of children's literature, being inducted into the Reading Hall of Fame in 2001, and earning the National Council of Teachers of English Distinguished Service Award and Outstanding Educator in English Language Arts Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bishop's own literary success with works such as *Mirrors*, *Windows*, and *Sliding Glass Doors* and *Shadow and Substance: African American Experience in Contemporary Children's Literature*, among many others, has greatly informed her ability to serve on selection committees for numerous book awards, including the prestigious Caldecott and Newbury Awards; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bishop has served on the Board of Trustees for the esteemed Ohioana Library since 2009, serving as the President of the Board from 2012 through 2016. It was during her tenure as President that the Ohioana Book Festival grew to be the largest literary event in the State of Ohio; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate the honors and achievements of Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop upon receiving the American Library Association's Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement this day June 25th, 2017.