



Legislation Text

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To congratulate Per Scholas Columbus on its 5th Anniversary and celebrate its contribution toward helping people build careers, improve businesses, and enrich communities.

WHEREAS, Per Scholas was first launched in New York City in 1995 as an early pioneer in the effort to bridge the digital divide between students, residents and the families of the South Bronx - one of the nation's poorest Congressional Districts at the time, and since then, Per Scholas has blossomed into a comprehensive IT job training model, helping unemployed and under employed adults gain the skills needed for high-wage employment; and

WHEREAS, Per Scholas built upon this success by opening its doors in Columbus, Ohio in October of 2012 - providing students with a 15-week college credit program and a curriculum that included technical training, workplace literacy, soft skills training, critical thinking, team integration and conflict management; and

WHEREAS, Per Scholas was named one of the top 100 highest-impact nonprofits in America by the S & I 100 Index for its results-driven work - its success has attracted significant partnerships and support from major foundations, corporations and government agencies, including: the Robin Hood Foundation, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the Tiger Foundation, the Bank of America, Bloomberg, JPMorgan Chase, Microsoft and others; and

WHEREAS, Per Scholas as a nonprofit is a social venture that remains committed to breaking the cycle of poverty - providing technology education and closely related economic opportunities to low-income individuals, families and communities that are often overlooked -ultimately creating opportunities which create and retain jobs within the City of Columbus -transforming lives; and

WHEREAS, Per Scholas will celebrate its 5th Anniversary and its 20th Graduation on Friday, June 23, 2017 - featuring a commencement recognizing the most recent cohort of students to have completed their 15-week training and awarded the first of their two certifications - the audience will include family members, key funders, Per Scholas Columbus stakeholders, Advisory Board Members, the Per Scholas leadership team and staff, now therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby congratulate Per Scholas Columbus on its 5th Anniversary and celebrate its contribution toward helping people build careers, improve businesses, and enrich communities.