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To Celebrate 150 Years Since the Purchase of Schiller Park by the City of Columbus

WHEREAS, Schiller Park was originally purchased by the City of Columbus for \$15,000 from settlers in 1867, designating it as the second oldest Park in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Schiller Park was initially known as Stewart's Grove when it was first established in the early 1800s until the City purchased the land and renamed it City Park; in 1891, the villagers introduced a statue of Friedrich von Schiller on Park grounds, a German poet after whom the Park is currently named; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, 7,500 square feet of the Park was updated by the German Village Society in collaboration with The Friends of Schiller Park and Huntington National Bank with colorful flower beds and a beautiful brick walkway, an area now affectionately known as the Huntington Garden; and

WHEREAS, various events have been hosted in Schiller Park, including the German Village's first Oktoberfest, as well as a diverse range of productions performed on Schiller Park's very own amphitheater; and

WHEREAS, today, Schiller Park encompasses approximately 23 acres of land, comprising a basketball court, recreational center, fishing pond, and playground; families and friends gather in the Park to have picnics, play friendly sports games, and enjoy the scenery; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby celebrate the 150th anniversary of the purchase of Schiller Park and acknowledges the impact the Park has had on our community on this day, Saturday, December 2, 2017.