



## Legislation Text

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To Recognize and Celebrate Gyasi Zardes on Receiving the 2018 MLS Comeback Player of the Year Award

**WHEREAS**, in December 2012, Gyasi Zardes began his senior playing career as a member of the Los Angeles Galaxy; and

**WHEREAS**, Gyasi Zardes officially became a member of the Columbus Crew on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 following successes with both the Los Angeles Galaxy and the United States Men's National Team; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the 2018 MLS season, Gyasi Zardes paid back the commitment made to him by the Columbus Crew by scoring a career-high 19 goals this season, which were the most scored by any American MLS player and fourth-best in the league this season ; and

**WHEREAS**, Gyasi Zardes was instrumental to the success of the Columbus Crew this season by contributing 44 percent of the Columbus Crew's goals this season and helping the club advance all the way to the Eastern Conference Semifinals; and

**WHEREAS**, MLS players, club officials, and media figures recognized the remarkable career turnaround of Gyasi Zardes and the key role he played in the Columbus Crew this season by voting him as the 2018 MLS Comeback Player of the Year; now, therefore

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

That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate the incredible season of Gyasi Zardes and thanks him for his excellent representation of the City of Columbus and the Columbus Crew.