



Legislation Text

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To Recognize and Celebrate the Department of Public Utilities Championship Water Pipe Tapping Team and their Contribution to the City of Columbus.

WHEREAS, Coach - Patrick Crumley, Cranker - Dan McClain, Feeder - Chris Briggs, and Copper Handler - Ricco Ratliff, employees of the City of Columbus Division of Water, have competed together on the Water Pipe Tapping Team since 2015; and

WHEREAS, Water pipe tapping is a high energy race against time to drill into a cement-lined, ductile iron pipe and install a tap with a team made up of four members: a coach, cranker, feeder and copper handler in a contest that requires precision, strength and speed, all while maintaining the highest level of safety and quality; and

WHEREAS, This team is very well respected, shows great sportsmanship, and does an excellent job representing the City of Columbus Division of Water and the Ohio Section American Water Works Association not only in competition, but in the way they represent themselves, their involvement in the community, and the morale that they build within the Department; and

WHEREAS, Together the team has finished first at the Ohio Section American Water Works Association competition four years in a row in 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 when they set the State record of 1:07.97, and won the Great Lakes Cup in 2017 and 2018; and

WHEREAS, The City of Columbus is proud to support the team this year when they compete against 26 other teams from across the United States and around the world in Denver, CO at the American Water Works Association's Annual Conference in June; now, therefore

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

That this Council does recognize and celebrate the Department of Public Utilities Championship Water Pipe Tapping Team and their contributions to the City of Columbus.