



Legislation Text

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To Honor and Recognize Tom Joyner for The Tom Joyner Morning Show and Welcome the “One More Time Experience” to Columbus

WHEREAS, the nationally syndicated radio program *Tom Joyner Morning Show* reaches seven million listeners in more than 120 radio markets with a program devoted to entertainment and news as well as commentaries and ideas about how listeners can be politically and socially active in their communities; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-1980s when he flew between Dallas, where he aired his morning-drive program at KKDA, and Chicago, commuting north to WGCI for his afternoon program, he earned the nicknames "The Fly Jock" and the "Hardest Working Man in Radio"; and

WHEREAS, Tom Joyner's accomplishments and humanitarian efforts have earned him several awards and honors, including being inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame in 1999 and as Savoy magazine's 2002 Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Tom Joyner established the Tom Joyner Foundation, which, through the Tom Joyner Black College Scholarship Fund in partnership with the United Negro College Fund, initiated a program to lend financial assistance to deserving students attending historically Black colleges and universities around the country; and

WHEREAS, the Tom Joyner Foundation has raised and contributed over 65 million dollars and has helped more than 29,000 students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and

WHEREAS, each month the Tom Joyner Foundation selects a Historically Black College or University as the focus of its fund-raising efforts with the goal of eventually selecting every historically Black college and university in the country; and

WHEREAS, the “One More Time Experience” tour marks the 25th anniversary of his radio program as he prepares for retirement in December; and now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does Honor and Recognize Tom Joyner for The Tom Joyner Morning Show and Welcome the “One More Time Experience” to Columbus.