



Legislation Text

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To honor and celebrate Mrs. Cathy Copeland Mock for her years of distinguished service as the Director of Supplier Diversity at Cardinal Health, Dublin, Ohio and to congratulate her on her retirement.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cathy Copeland Mock has selflessly dedicated her life to the cause of public selfless service, serving the residents of Columbus and Central Ohio as a dedicated leader, mentor and friend; and

WHEREAS, Cathy, a member of the Bowling Green State University graduating class of 1976 and a member of the women's basketball team; Cathy has a unique story in that she arrived at Bowling Green without ever playing high school basketball; Cathy, however did not allow this to become a barrier to her success; she relied upon her previous experiences in volleyball, softball, recreational basketball and as an athlete to encourage her to move forward; Cathy made the roster and after spending the first half of the year on the "B" team, she became a starter on the first unit for the latter part of her freshman season; she developed a reputation for scoring and rebounding; often crediting her coach. Sue Hager, for being patient as her game improved; and

WHEREAS, Cathy's contributions led to the Falcon women's run of success during her time on campus; Bowling Green had a record of 38-13 during her final three years as a part of the women's basketball team; Cathy ultimately graduated in 1976 with a degree in physical education and a minor in business education; after graduating, Cathy taught and coached at the high school level in Cincinnati before moving to Boston to attend graduate school; she earned a master's degree in public administration, and later returned to her native Columbus, where she worked as a substitute teacher, and later as the Assistant Director of Public Safety for the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Cathy also became a small business entrepreneur, owning a printing company for more than 12 years; she also sold real estate for more than two decades before becoming the Director of Supplier Diversity at Cardinal Health, Dublin, Ohio; in this role Cathy was allowed to demonstrate her commitment to seeking and identifying opportunities to support diverse groups of suppliers, women-owned, minority-owned and veteran-owned businesses - ultimately helping them to establish a business relationship with Cardinal Health; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Cathy was awarded the **Lifetime Achievement Award** from the Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council, an organization focused on fostering relationships between minority business enterprises, corporations and government entities; Cathy is a dynamic individual who set an unparalleled standard of excellence which has come to be associated with the excellence that is Cathy; moreover the name of this award has been changed to the Cathy Copeland Mock Award in her honor for future generations of diversity supplier advocates committed to driving the growth of minority-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, Cathy has had a distinguished career, moreover her legacy of devotion will serve as an example of excellence for others to follow; her commitment, dedication to excellence, and ability to encourage and motivate by the power of her example is an inspiration to all who have had the honor of knowing her - Columbus City Council joins the community in celebrating her service - we also applaud the efforts of Cathy's family, friends, co-workers and admirers who celebrate this occasion; now therefore,

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

That this Council does hereby express its profound appreciation as we honor and celebrate Mrs. Cathy Copeland Mock for her years of distinguished service as the Director of Supplier Diversity at Cardinal Health, Dublin, Ohio and congratulate her on her retirement.

