



Legislation Text

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To honor and celebrate the 46th Annual Area V Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Leadership Conference March 26 - 28, 2021

WHEREAS, Lady Roxyanne Cartier Burrus, is the National Area V Director, of the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., (TLOD), is hosting with the assistance of the Columbus Chapter, the 46th Annual V Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, TLOD Inc. has more than 115 chapters across the country that fall within six regions. Area V, includes Chapters from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania. This year's conference will focus on recognizing the service to youth and adults provided in local communities that Ladies and Top Teens have been engaged in throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Top Ladies of Distinction was conceived by Major Ozell Dean of Washington D.C. during a White House luncheon. TLOD was then formed in 1963 after meeting with former First Lady Bird Johnson. Dean was the first African-American nurse in the United States Air Force. The organization was formed to utilize the skill sets of women in the U.S. to help moral and social issues, especially those affecting youth; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the organization has expanded its objectives to include its focus on youth (known as Top Teens of American chapter members take very seriously their obligation to mentor, encourage, and support the young women of our community, preparing them for a future of service and leadership; and

WHEREAS, even though 2020 was a challenging year with the COVID -19 Pandemic and social distancing the Columbus Top Ladies and Top Teens were able accomplish so much. To help fight the COVID-19 pandemic, the Columbus Chapter distributed "Blessing Bags for the needy. Top Ladies and Top Teens volunteered on many projects to list a few Top Teens volunteered at the MLK breakfast, helped NAACP with voter registration, Teens and Ladies planted flowers and picked up trash at Linden McKinley High School to adolescence; and

WHEREAS, it is evident that the faith this organization and its participants have both everlasting and unfaltering. Top Ladies and Top Teens are truly the epitome of resilience and diligence as we continue to stay connected virtually to support the mission and charities; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That we honor and celebrate the 46th Annual Area V Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., Leadership Conference March 26 - 28, 2021