

Legislation Text

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To recognize and celebrate the 3rd annual Venture Out Event in Columbus

**WHEREAS**, on Thursday June 17th, Atlas Venture Partners is hosting the third annual VENTURE OUT at Stonewall Columbus

**WHEREAS**, dozens of local and national startups, venture firms, and organizations are coming together to celebrate the role that Columbus plays in the LGBTQ+ innovation, entrepreneurship, and business communities and;

WHEREAS, we recognize the success of The Pride Fund, which is the nation's first venture fund exclusively focused on empowering and uplifting the LGBTQ+ community, and

**WHEREAS**, We recognize that the LGBTQ+ Entrepreneur Accelerator Program (LEAP) that was announced at the first VENTURE OUT has served over 20 Columbus entrepreneurs and is now expanding nationally while maintaining a global headquarters in Columbus; and that Krystopher Scott, who presented at the first VENTURE OUT, is now chronicling the work of LGBTQ+ startups, organizations, and leaders through a national docuseries while maintaining a home base in Columbus

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that all of these steps are important but we have much more work to do, and we are proudly doing it together; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this council hereby declare the 3rd annual Venrure Out event be recognized and celebrated.