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Legislation Text

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To Recognize the Dedication of the James S. Tyler Historical Marker at Goodale Park

WHEREAS, James Seneca Tyler was an early settler of central Ohio who was born free in Columbus in 1837; he served in the Fifth U.S. Colored Regiment during the Civil War where he achieved the rank of Quarter-Master Sergeant and served as a sutler's clerk at Camp Chase; and

WHEREAS, during his life, James S. Tyler held numerous prominent positions, including serving as the first African American engrossing clerk for the Ohio House of Representatives during the 62nd and 66th General Assemblies, the Court Bailiff under Franklin County Sheriff John U. Rickenbacker, secretary to Columbus Chief of Police Edward Pagels, night officer at the State Capitol building, and Attache under Governor William McKinley; and

WHEREAS, James S. Tyler and his wife Maria McAfee Tyler lived at 1107 Highland Avenue in Columbus where they raised 13 children; and

WHEREAS, James and Maria's children included Ralph W. Tyler, Columbus Dispatch and Cleveland Advocate journalist, World War One correspondent, and auditor to the navy under President Theodore Roosevelt; Dr. James A. Tyler, Doctor of Medicine and Mayor of Rendville, Ohio during the influenza epidemic of 1918; Julius B. Tyler, the first African-American to score a touchdown for The Ohio State University football team in 1896; William E. Tyler, Spanish American War veteran; and Jesse G. Tyler, baritone and classical pianist who was the first African American graduate of Oberlin Conservatory of Music in 1904; and

WHEREAS, the Tyler Family has made an indelible mark in Columbus and the state of Ohio through their exemplary legacy of service and achievement that began in Columbus more than 188 years ago and continues to be carried forward to this day by Tyler family descendants; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby recognize the dedication of the James S. Tyler Historical Marker at Goodale Park and the lasting and noteworthy legacy of the Tyler family in Columbus.