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Legislation Text

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To celebrate the retirement of Monica Kridler from Momentum Excellence

WHEREAS, Momentum Excellence was founded by Monica Kridler in 2003 with the purpose of increasing access to the arts for underserved communities in Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Today, the organization serves more than 1,600 children annually in more than 25 elementary schools with over 12,000 students having participated since Momentum's founding; and

WHEREAS, Momentum is not based on auditions and its lessons are held during the school day; both provisions are to ensure there is access for every child to have exposure to the arts; and

WHEREAS, Each year there is a professionally produced performance show at the Davidson Theatre at the Vern Riffe Center where over 500 students showcase their hard work; and

WHEREAS, Each student is taught the values of respect and hard work through Momentum's programming with exposure to live music and dance being at its core; and

WHEREAS, Monica Kridler has received awards such as the Arts Educator of the Year Award from Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) in 2018 and Momentum received the 2019 Columbus Makes Art Award from GCAC for its production of "The Harlem Renaissance - Teach Them To Dream;" and

WHEREAS, Monica is voluntarily stepping down from her staff role, but will remain on Momentum's Board to see it continue into the future; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council hereby celebrates the retirement of Monica Kridler who has dedicated herself to helping underserved children in Central Ohio gain exposure and knowledge of the arts.