



Legislation Text

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To honor and recognize Mr. James W. Rarey for his tireless devotion to the ideals of organized labor and for his dedication to protect the interests of working families.

WHEREAS, James W. Rarey has served as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Columbus/Central Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council for the past 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rarey previously served as the Business Representative for Electrical Workers Local 683, during which time he was a Journeyman Electrician, foreman, superintendent and steward; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rarey served as a member of the Canal Winchester Village Council, and was president of Council from 1988-1991, and also served as Chairman of the Police Commission and Planning and Zoning Commission, and as a member and president of the Canal Winchester Board of Public Affairs; and

WHEREAS, among the many commissions and boards to which Mr. Rarey was appointed, he served as a member of the Columbus-Franklin County AFL-CIO Executive Board, the Ohio State Building Trades Council Executive Board, and the Governor's Labor Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rarey dedicated himself to serving all members of the Columbus/Central Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council, and the citizens of Columbus and Central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rarey has fought tirelessly at the local, state, and national levels of government to champion the rights of working men and women; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rarey's ability to work cooperatively with business, political, and organized labor leaders has benefited all, especially working families in central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rarey's service to working men and women did not come without personal sacrifice, nor without the support of his wife Nikki and their two children; and

WHEREAS, after nearly 40 years as an skilled electrician, workers' advocate and friend of labor Mr. Rarey is retiring; now therefore

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

That this Council does hereby honor and recognize Mr. James W. Rarey for his tireless devotion to the ideals of organized labor and his dedication to protect the interests of working families.