

1           A RESOLUTION honoring Columbus, Ohio, Mayor Michael B. Coleman upon the  
2 dedication of the Michael B. Coleman Government Center and for his past  
3 accomplishments, and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

4           WHEREAS, Michael B. Coleman is the son of John H. Coleman, a physician, and  
5 Joan Coleman, a criminal victim's activist, who together ignited in their son a desire to  
6 help others in the community; and

7           WHEREAS, as an active member in the Columbus, Ohio, community, Michael B.  
8 Coleman has been a reputable attorney, City Council member, and City Council  
9 President; and

10           WHEREAS, just a few days shy of his 45th birthday in 1999, Michael B. Coleman  
11 was elected mayor of Columbus, Ohio, thereby becoming the first African American to  
12 hold the position. He was reelected to the Mayor's Office in 2003, 2007, and 2011; and

13           WHEREAS, Mayor Michael B. Coleman transformed the city of Columbus during  
14 his tenure, leading a city of 825,000 residents and 9,000 employees. He successfully  
15 secured \$7 billion in private investment for the city during his tenure, leveraging  
16 incentives and implementing an urban development strategy that attracted various  
17 companies that created more than 39,000 jobs; and

18           WHEREAS, Mayor Michael B. Coleman created the Columbus Education  
19 Commission to examine the challenges facing public schools and Neighborhood Pride to  
20 engage residents to clean their neighborhoods. His Pay as We Grow annexation policy  
21 required developers to invest in extending water, sewer, and electricity. The Home Again  
22 program rehabbed abandoned homes capable of being repaired and demolished those  
23 beyond repair, and his Affordable Housing Trust Corporation provided increased housing  
24 options for those in the inner city. He led a downtown revitalization project and oversaw  
25 construction of more than 5,500 apartments and condominiums and a new downtown  
26 park system. Mayor Coleman committed to improving the environment, leading the Get  
27 Green Columbus campaign, GreenSpot program, and Bicentennial Bikeways Plan to

1 improve energy efficiency and protect the environment. His Division of Fleet  
2 Management was named the greenest fleet on the continent by 100 Best Fleets; and

3 WHEREAS, under Mayor Michael B. Coleman, Columbus was the only city in the  
4 nation to have an AAA credit rating from the three major rating agencies; and

5 WHEREAS, under Mayor Michael B. Coleman, Columbus was recognized as the  
6 smartest city in the nation and one of the smartest in the world by the Intelligent  
7 Communities Forum; the 4th best economy of any city by American City Business  
8 Journals; the best city for working mothers by Forbes; the best big city for job growth in  
9 the Midwest by NewGeography.com and the Milken Institute; one of the top 10 cities for  
10 college graduates by Fox News, Forbes, and Bloomberg Businessweek; one of the top 10  
11 most affordable metro areas by RelocateAmerica; the 8th best city to live by CNN and  
12 Money Magazine; the safest city by Money Magazine; second in the 2010 Safest Cities  
13 for Families with Young Children category by Underwriters Laboratories; among the top  
14 for its stable housing market; and a top city for African Americans, young professionals,  
15 and members of the GLBT community; and

16 WHEREAS, the honorable Michael B. Coleman said farewell to his position as  
17 Mayor in 2015, leaving City Hall after 16 years of service and knowing that he worked  
18 his best to make his dreams for Columbus a reality; and

19 WHEREAS, Michael B. Coleman has been honored many times for his unwavering  
20 commitment to the Columbus community. He is the recipient of the Community Service  
21 Award from the Columbus Bar Association and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning  
22 Commission's Sustainability Award. He is also the devoted father of three adult children,  
23 Kimberly, a banker; Justin, a police officer; and John David, an Ohio State University  
24 graduate; and

25 WHEREAS, Michael B. Coleman believes that Columbus, Ohio, is at the beginning  
26 of a renaissance that many within the city credit him for pioneering; and

27 WHEREAS, the eight-story, 180,000-square feet Michael B. Coleman Government

1 Center, named after the honorable former Mayor Michael B. Coleman, houses Building  
2 and Zoning, Public Service, Development, and Public Utility offices to complete a  
3 campus of city government office buildings;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

5 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
6 *Kentucky:*

7 ➔Section 1. This honorable body proudly recognizes and celebrates Columbus,  
8 Ohio, Mayor Michael B. Coleman upon the dedication of the Michael B. Coleman  
9 Government Center and for his past accomplishments, and wishes him well in his future  
10 endeavors.

11 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in recognition and  
12 celebration of Columbus, Ohio, Mayor Michael B. Coleman.

13 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
14 Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal for delivery.