



Legislation Text

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Council Members Melden, Cherry, Hobbs and McPherson

Recognizing University of Toledo's Women's Basketball Coach Tricia Cullop for her 400th career victory and being named Mid-American Conference (MAC) coach of the year for the fourth time in her career.

WHEREAS, the University of Toledo's Women's Basketball Coach Tricia Cullop was named Mid-American Conference (MAC) coach of the year for the fourth time in her career and reached an impressive personal milestone earlier in the season, notching her 400th career victory; and

WHEREAS, since taking over the Toledo Rocket's Women's Basketball program in 2008, Coach Cullop has rebuilt a Mid-American Conference powerhouse; in 2021-22 she guided a team that was picked to finish eighth in the preseason coaches' poll to a conference-record 19 MAC wins and the 10th regular season championship in school history; and

WHEREAS, in the 2021-22 season Coach Cullop lead the Lady Rockets to a 29-6 record (19-1 MAC) and a MAC regular season title; Toledo entered the MAC Tournament as the No. 1 seed; and

WHEREAS, during Cullop's tenure, the Rockets have been a force in the Mid-American Conference and she has been the winningest coach in school history; and

WHEREAS, with their 14th season at a close, Toledo has hung eight postseason banners in Cullop's time patrolling the sidelines, including a 2011 Postseason WNIT championship, one MAC Championship, two MAC regular-season and four MAC West Division banners from the rafters of Savage Arena; and

WHEREAS, Coach Cullop was the recipient of the 2022 WBCA Carol Eckman Integrity in Coaching Award; an annual award presented to an active member coach who exemplifies Eckman's spirit, integrity and character through sportsmanship, commitment to the student-athlete, honesty, ethical behavior, courage and dedication to purpose; Coach was also presented with WBCA President's Award, an award not presented annually, however given to an individual who's made a significant impact on the game of women's basketball; and

WHEREAS, under Cullop, Toledo's women's basketball program has been active off the court in the Toledo community, helping with projects such as Connecting Kids to Meals, Habitat for Humanity, Ovarian Cancer Walk, the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and Sponsor a Family for Christmas and raised over \$157,000 for cancer research since 2010; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That Toledo City Council recognizes the astonishing accomplishments of Coach Tricia Cullop. As we, Council, the City of Toledo, the University of Toledo and Rocket Fans look forward to seeing

what the next five (5) seasons bring.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: _____: yeas _____, nays _____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved: _____

Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council

_____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council