



## Legislation Text

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Council Member Webb

### **Honoring the 50th Annual Kielbasa Bowl 2017.**

WHEREAS, the Kielbasa Bowl began in 1967 by Coach Bobby Recker and Coach Bernie Dziengelewski as a tackle pick-up football game. It was sponsored by Stanley's Market, first by Gene Zychowicz, and continued by his son, Joe Zychowicz; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that the Kielbasa Bowl, happened after the Shoe Bowl, as an outlet for Point Place football talent. The Old Newsboys' Shoe Bowl was played on Thanksgiving morning from 1966 through 1990 at The Glass Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the game has become a Point Place tradition, and has been played rain or shine, sleet or snow, at 10:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning at Harry Kessler (Ottawa River) Park in Point Place; and

WHEREAS, Coach Recker's sons, Gary and Rob Recker and Coach Recker's son-in-law Tom Barriger have kept the Kielbasa Bowl tradition and the love of rec league sports alive. Rob Recker is a Washington Junior Football League Commissioner and Tom Barriger runs the Washington Local Soccer Club; and

WHEREAS, also continuing the tradition are Coach Dziengelewski's son, Billy, and nine daughters, as well as their spouses and families. Former St. Francis Football Coach, and current Cardinal Stritch Athletic Director Dick Cromwell certainly played a few downs, as did Coach Tom Inman from Woodward High School, and Coach Ken Rossler from Waite High School; and

WHEREAS, Point Place neighborhood kids, friends and families have joined in the tradition, as have some great athletes along the way such as: Don and Tyler Begley, brothers John and Jeff Chapman, John Kantner, Mike Durfey, brothers Tony and Matt Brock, Danny Woods, Todd and Tim Hafner, Gary Recker and his sons Chris and Kevin, Rob Recker and his son Sam, Don Weiher, and his sons Don Jr. and Mike, Bill Schuck and his son Joe, Michael Wohl, Mark Kane and his son Patrick, Joe Durbin, Ron and Nate Ellis, Tony Kaminski, Scott Jagielski, Nick Niezgoda, Don Szenderski, Joe Misch and his sons Nick and Tony, Brian Cromwell, Bobby and Chris Barriger, Lance Crosby, Tom Webb and his son Ryan Webb, Tony, John and Joe Lima, Bernie Barrow and his sons, Mike and Austin Schrader and many others; and

WHEREAS, each year, the MVP trophy called "The Hodger" that is handed out and amazingly, each year the trophy makes it back the next year. The trophy is called "The Hodger" because the "The Hodger" was a term of endearment that Mrs. Dziengelewski gave Coach Dziengelewski, and since many called her "Madger", it seemed fitting. "The Hodger" trophy became an acknowledgement of grit and determination during the game and a love of the sport that Coach Dziengelewski possessed. NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. That Toledo City Council is pleased to honor the 50th anniversary of the Kielbasa Bowl, in part because it showcases the dedication Stanley's Market has to North Toledo traditions. Of course, the Kielbasa Bowl serves up piping hot, delicious Stanley's Kielbasa on the sidelines at halftime. Nothing else will do. For over 20 years, the halftime kielbasa has been prepared to perfection by Coach & Chef Tom Webb. Furthermore, Toledo City Council believes that neighborhood traditions like Point Place's Kielbasa Bowl are what make certain that You Will Do Better in Toledo.

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

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_: yeas \_\_\_\_\_, nays \_\_\_\_\_.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council