

Remarks on behalf of HB 581 – creation of Columbus Central High School and West High School Alumni Association License Plate 11/13/18

Rep. Miller: Thank you Chairman Green and Ranking Member Sheehy for allowing me to speak on behalf of HB 581 a bill to create a Columbus Central High School and West High School Alumni Association License Plates.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Representative Boggs who is joint sponsor. I would like to also thank the members of this committee for considering HB 581 particularly during this very busy time.

As you know, these license plate bills are plentiful – But these license plates are important. They increase non-tax revenue for important causes, raise awareness for important issues, and create a better sense of community pride.

These plates would do just that. Columbus Central and Columbus West are two of the original Columbus City Schools High Schools.

Rep. Boggs: I'd like to echo Representative Miller's thanks to the committee and I am honored to join him in this piece of legislation.

Columbus Central High School – is in my district but it's impact goes well beyond. The School had a long and distinguished history in the Columbus City School System, from its original opening in 1862 to the opening of the historic building on Washington Boulevard in 1924, and finally up until the school's eventual closure in 1982. Many of the city's and state's important leaders are proud graduates of Central and while it is now closed the work of its graduates and its alumni association continues.

Today, the Old Central building houses COSI.

Rep. Miller: **Columbus West High** has a proud history in the Columbus City School System dating back to 1908, West High continues to serve Columbus City Schools as a flagship institution for its nearly 800 current students and the greater Hilltop and Columbus community.

It remains the cornerstone and de facto community center for the Hilltop neighborhoods.

These two schools have thousands of alumni in Ohio and their associations are leaders in community involvement and support. Creating license plates for them will enable each organization to do even more.

Go Pirates! Go Cowboys!

I thank the committee for its time.