

Senate Resolution 720

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Columbus Technical College as a "Purple Heart College"; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Columbus Technical College has been recognized for being one of the best
4 colleges for veterans, active and retired military students, and their dependents for six
5 consecutive years, earning the distinction of being named a Military Friendly School; and

6 WHEREAS, Columbus Technical College has a culture and commitment to provide the
7 military-related students of our state with financial assistance, career placement services,
8 academic offerings, support and retention services, and more to ensure academic success; and

9 WHEREAS, military students at Columbus Technical College receive academic support
10 through the VA Tutorial Assistance Program, the college CARE Center, and the Office of
11 Disability and Special Services in transition, adjustment, and retention services; career
12 placement services; and assisting each student with a diagnosed disability through
13 appropriate modifications of college policies, practices, and procedures; and

14 WHEREAS, Columbus Technical College participates in the Green Zone program, which
15 is a campus-wide initiative that provides locations recognized by veterans as a safe place to
16 assist with their transition from military to college life, and the college additionally offers a
17 veterans lounge to provide a designated space on campus for veteran and military-related
18 students to socialize and study; and

19 WHEREAS, Columbus Technical College has multiple Purple Heart parking spaces
20 throughout campus for men and women who were injured while serving in combat for our
21 country; and

22 WHEREAS, Columbus Technical College deeply respects and honors the military students
23 and families associated with the college; and

24 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially
25 created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington in 1782; and

26 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made
27 available for the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States
28 armed forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a
29 declared enemy of the United States; and

30 WHEREAS, it is entirely fitting and proper to recognize Columbus Technical College as a
31 "Purple Heart College."

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that Columbus Technical
33 College is designated as a "Purple Heart College."

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to President Martha
36 Ann Todd of Columbus Technical College and the public and the press.