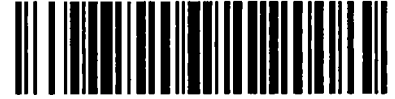




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<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

# A resolution

adopted by *The City Council*  
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Presented by Alderman Chris Taliaferro on January 17, 2018

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