

RESOLUTION 2020-33

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES
TO THE FAMILY OF LEONARD BROOKS JACKSON**

Introduced by <u>Callender</u>
Motioned by _____
Seconded by _____
1st Reading _____
2nd Reading _____
Third Reading _____
Under suspension _____



WHEREAS; Leonard Brooks Jackson, entered his heavenly reward at the age of 73 on April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Leonard was born August 13, 1946 in Jacksonville, Florida to the late Lonnie Mae Jackson and was raised by his maternal grandmother, the late Willie Ann Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Leonard, affectionately known by many simply as "Big Jack", was nurtured in a Christian home and baptized at the State Temple Church of God in Christ where he attended Sunday School. He embraced his faith throughout his entire life; and

WHEREAS, Leonard entered the military and served in the Third Infantry Division, Special Services, in Wurzburg, Germany. He went on to study at Gibbs Junior College, achieving an Associate degree and received his Bachelors of Science from Central State University and his Master of Arts from Cleveland State University in Administration and Supervision; and

WHEREAS, he married Micheline C. Jackson and from the union they had two daughters; Lynnette Michelle and Cheryl Yvette. Leonard was his daughters' biggest fan as he encouraged and applauded their academic and professional successes; and

WHEREAS, as an educator, he began his life's work in 1970 at Patrick Henry Junior High School as a physical education teacher and coach, then in 1975 as Head Baseball and Assistant Basketball Coach at Glenville High School and in 1979 as Head Basketball Coach at West Technical High School. These appointments prepared him for his role as "The Commissioner" of Interscholastic Athletics and Student Activities over 30 years. During his tenure, he directed, supervised and coordinated 16 sports in senior high schools and seven sports in K-8 with a \$4.25 million budget. He brought a more equitable procedure in hiring officials in district athletic contests, upgrading athletic facilities, and brought his interest in minority representation, guidance and support to district administrators; and

WHEREAS, Leonard distinguished himself as a teacher, coach, commissioner and community servant as Northeast District Athletics Board President, Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors, President of Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland, Northeastern Ohio Chapter of the National Football Foundation Board of Directors, Former Chairman, Board of Trustees of the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, as a member of the Leadership Cleveland Class of 1988, member of Cleveland Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Prince Hall Grand Lodge Ecclesiastes #120, El Hasa Temple #28 Past Imperial Potentate and Bezallem Consistory #15 and Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the United Supreme Council of the Ancient ad Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Prince Hall Affiliation - Northern Jurisdiction, U.S.A., Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, retiring from Cleveland Metropolitan School District, he served 49 years in education and 37 years as Athletic Commissioner amid sharing his time and talent in building God's kingdom. Leonard was a recipient of many awards; inductee into Gibb's Junior College Athletic Hall of Fame in St. Petersburg, Florida; Thurgood Marshall Outstanding Alumni Award, Walter Burke Life Time Achievement Award, East High Gymnasium named "Leonard B. Jackson" Gymnasium; East 117th Street renamed "Leonard B. Jackson Way", 2005 Key to the City of Cleveland by Mayor Jane Campbell, James A. Naismith Meritorious Service Award, Athletic Director of the Year of Northeast Ohio, Ohio Interscholastic Athletic Association, Coach of the Year Cleveland East Senate Baseball League 1977 and 1978, and his most outstanding accomplishment was as Commissioner, when his high school teams won 21 state championships during his illustrious career; Collinwood (9), Glenville (6), John Adams (2), John Marshall (2), James F. Rhodes (1) and East Technical (1); and

WHEREAS, Leonard traveled to 49 of the 50 states in the U.S. (excluding Alaska); and

WHEREAS, this visionary held rigorous standards, was known for his big bark with a soft heart. He was an exceptional model of excellence, performance, commitment and loyalty while living out his faith and integrity in every endeavor. Oakwood Village Councilman, Chris Callender, remembers with fondness working under Jackson, who encouraged him "God has a plan for you", leaving an indelible mark on his life; and

WHEREAS, Leonard "Big Jack" Brooks Jackson leaves a legacy of a life well-lived with his wife of 47 years, Micheline, his daughters Lynnette Crenshaw (Lovellette) and Dr. Cheryl Johnson (Ron), his grandchildren Carter Ryan and Chloe Renee, a host of cousins, students, and former athletes; and

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT by the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Village Council and Mayor wish to express their most sincere condolences to the family of Leonard Brooks Jackson and hope the fond memories of such a fine, caring person comforts them in their loss.

SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Leonard Brooks Jackson.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approved by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____
Johnnie A. Warren, President of Council

Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

Presented to the Mayor _____

Approved: _____

Mayor – Gary V Gottschalk

I, Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2020-33 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the ____ day of _____ 2020.

Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution 2020-33 was duly posted on the ____ day of _____ 2020 and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers and in not less than (5) of the most public places in the municipality as determined by the Council of the said Village.

Clerk of Council

DATED: _____