

Introduced by	<i>Mays</i>
Motioned by	<i>Rogers</i>
Seconded by	<i>Chandler</i>
1st Reading	_____
2nd Reading	_____
3rd Reading	_____
Under suspension	_____

RESOLUTION 2020-64

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO KEYLEN MERCHANT FOR
DISPLAYING BRAVERY AND COMPOSURE WHILE SAVING HIS
GRANDMOTHER’S LIFE**



WHEREAS, Keylen is the seven-year-old son of Travies Merchant (Oakwood, OH) and Richard Freeman (Lorain, OH) and beloved grandson of Marie and Richard Freeman of Oakwood Village; and

WHEREAS, Keylen refers to his Grandmother Marie Freeman simply as ‘Grammy’. She refers to him lovingly as ‘Pudder’. While in Bedford Heights, Grammy experienced a bad headache and shortly thereafter fell to the ground. Keylen, although frightened, went into action. He called 9-1-1 for help; and

WHEREAS, while on the phone with dispatch, he also summoned help from a neighbor. He further kept his little five-year old brother, Richard, calm while waiting for emergency services to arrive and during the entire frightening event; and

WHEREAS, this amazing, active, inquisitive, young boy attends Glendale Elementary School and is in the first grade. He enjoys identifying high end cars as Lamborghini, Bugatti, Porsche, Rolls-Royce among others; and

WHEREAS, Grammy was hospitalized four days and spent two of those days in ICU prior to being released. She is extremely proud of Pudder and realizes without his assistance and calm demeanor, the outcome could have been very different; 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 gratitude to Keylen Merchant for his courage and quick action in saving the life of his Grammy, Marie Freeman, on June 11, 2020.

SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to Keylen Merchant.

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: July 14, 2020

[Signature]
Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

[Signature]
Johnnie A. Warren, President of Council

Presented to the Mayor July 15, 2020

Approved: July 15, 2020

[Signature]
Mayor - Gary V. Gbltschalk

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. 2020-64 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 14 day of July 2020.

[Signature]
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 2020-64 was duly posted on the 16 day of July 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.

[Signature]
Clerk of Council

DATED: July 16, 2020

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Presented this 17th day of July, 2020


Mayor Gary V. Gutschalk


Council-at-Large Elaine Y. Gauthier


Council President Johnnie A. Warren


Councilperson Ward 1 Chris Callender


Councilperson Ward 2 Eloise Hardin


Councilperson Ward 3 Melanie Sanders


Councilperson Ward 4 Patricia Rogers


Councilperson Ward 5 Candace Williams

