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RESOLUTION 2020-65

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO ROBERT LEVIN FOR REPURCHASING HIS COMPANY, LEVIN FURNITURE



WHEREAS, A large Levin Furniture store is located in Oakwood Village and this multi-generational company has experienced much success over the years under the leadership of Robert Levin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Levin sold the company to Art Van Furniture in 2017, a Michigan-based furniture chain, but by 2020 the company was floundering and opted for protection, filing Chapter 7 liquidation under the bankruptcy

court: and

WHEREAS, Robert Levin, wanting to save the company, reacquired Levin out of bankruptcy through the court system and is reopening stores in Pennsylvania and Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Levin stated, “My goals have always been to protect as many jobs as possible for Levin associates, and to continue to serve our loyal customers.” Robert Levin worked tirelessly over a period of months to issue refunds to customers who did not receive their furniture under the bankruptcy. In addition, he ensured employees were taken care of with benefits, saving 1,200 jobs: and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oakwood is better because of the location of the Levin Furniture store, offering quality furniture and home décor to residents and others in the Cleveland area and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in describing Robert, he always prefers the use of his formal name. No one calls him ‘Bob’. He is known for his casual attire, but when called to a meeting, he will don dress shirt and slacks. This health-conscious man has an obsession with socks. Are you into Kane socks; the brand which caters to those who have larger than life feet? The sock which is tailor made to your specific foot length, width and shape. Robert also likes shopping at the classy store, Orvis. He is very much interested in green energy, driving hybrid vehicles, and persevering the environment. In addition, bicycling is not only part of his regular regiment, he enjoys it and has bicycled all over the world; 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 Robert Levin for his strong sense of responsibility to the company, its employees and customers and wish him much success for the Levin Furniture Company.

SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to Robert Levin.

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. 2020-65 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 2020-65 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: _____