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INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF
PHILIP D. SAUNDERS SR.**

WHEREAS, Philip D. Saunders Sr. passed away January 7, 2021 at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, he was born on August 26, 1935; and

WHEREAS, Philip's representation of the City of Bedford Heights spanned over 30 years as member of the Civil Service Commission from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998, as Council-at-Large from January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2017 and as Council President from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2013 working with everyone equally on Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Saunders was passionate about protecting the health, safety, and welfare of all Bedford Heights residents during his tenure by working with his fellow Council members, Mayors, Administrative staff and employees. He took special interest in promoting the best services and programs possible for Bedford Heights residents and taking pride in the smooth functioning of City Council. He was instrumental in the creation of the Forbes Road Park, collaborating with the Bedford Historical Society and the Cleveland Metroparks to establish a vital greenspace for the public to enjoy along with beautiful winding walking paths where tranquility of nature abides; and

WHEREAS, he was a contributing member of many local civic organizations including the Bedford Historical Society, the 60 Plus Club, Ward 4 HOME Club and the Travelers RV Club, a retired youth counselor for the State of Ohio, very active in the Democratic Club, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Saunders carried a kindness with him wherever he went and whoever he came into contact experienced his friendly nature. His passion for youth extended to being present for Heskett Middle School Career Day and involved himself in students with special needs. He enjoyed the holidays, especially Christmas, displaying his prized "Christmas Village" adding to it annually in his house and inviting many to view the display. He also set up a similar Christmas Village at the Bedford Historical Society annually. He was very proud of his children's and grandchildren accomplishments and would often share their successes with close friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Emmitt, Martha Mayfield and Ruth; and

WHEREAS, Philip D. Saunders Sr. will be sorely missed by his loving wife, Ruth, of 63 years, his children, Cindy (Michael) Watson and Philip D. Saunders Jr. (Trudy), his grandchildren, Matthew (Fiancée – Megan Estep) Saunders, Andrew Saunders, Tory (Peter Waters) Watson, Megan (Kenny) Ackerman and Brady Watson, his great-great grandchildren,

Hannah and Sloane, his sister, Grace Wright, the Bedford Heights Councilmembers, Mayor and Administrative staff, residents, neighbors and friends; 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 Philip D. Saunders Sr. 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 Philip D. Saunders Sr.

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: February 9, 2021

Debra L. Hladky
Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

Johnnie A. Warren
Johnnie A. Warren, President of Council

Presented to the Mayor February 10, 2021

Approved: February 11, 2021

Gary V. Gottschalk
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. 2021-⁰⁹ was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 9 day of February 2021.

Debra L. Hladky
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 2021- was duly posted on the 12 day of February 2021, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

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DATED: February 12, 2021

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Council President Johnnie A. Warren

Council-at-Large Elaine Y. Gaither

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

