RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2022

RECOGNIZING and honoring Innovation Girls Team 1 and their founder Richard Zreik for their success in placing second at the first annual City of Cincinnati Hackathon.

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2022, the City of Cincinnati, in partnership with Cintrifuse and Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, hosted the first annual City of Cincinnati Hackathon with the goal of finding creative and effective solutions to the litter problem in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Richard Zreik founded Innovation Girls ("IVG") to engage young girls and solve the early cliff effect and lack of funding for female-founded startups which makes it difficult for women to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, IVG is an immersive tech company that is dedicated to launching young women and non-binary people into the metaverse by providing them with a technology-based immersive program that creates engagements with businesses and connections with universities, as well as mentors and financial reward; and

WHEREAS, IVG Team 1 won second place in the first annual Hackathon, presenting on a concept titled, "The Road to Neighborhood DAOs" (Decentralized Autonomous Organization)," a concept where an individual receives the tools and peer training in the metaverse to turn waste into works of art; and

WHEREAS, the members of IVG Team 1 are Elizabeth Klocek, Aryonna Bailey, Hayley Piercy, Jacquelin Hernandez, Neha Buyan, Sophia Munoz, Yaashita Bobba, Sana Sukhija, Tamara Munoz, Nishta Murugan, and Isabella Watkins; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize Innovation Girls Team 1 as the second place finisher at the first annual Cincinnati Hackathon.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and a copy be provided to Innovation Girls through the office of Councilmember Liz Keating.

Passed: _____, 2022

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
          Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Liz Keating