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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2023

RECOGNIZING Harvey Lewis for his accomplishments in the running and ultramarathon communities and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for his world record completion of the Big Dog's Backyard Ultra, an ultramarathon where runners run until there is one runner remaining.

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis is an economics and American government teacher at the School for Creative and Performing Arts; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2023, out of 75 runners, Mr. Lewis was the last runner left in the Big Dog's Backyard Ultra and returned to teaching two days later; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis ran a total of 450 miles in 4.5 days, setting a new Big Dog's Backyard Ultra world record; and

WHEREAS, while taking part in the Big Dog's Backyard Ultra, Mr. Lewis used his platform to raise \$30,000 for the Brighton Center, a Kentucky-based organization working towards creating opportunities for individuals and families to reach self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, before setting this record, Mr. Lewis was and is a well-known figure in the running community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis is a five-time member of the USA National 24-Hour Team, an ultramarathon where runners run for 24 hours; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis has completed twelve Badwater 135 races, known as the world's toughest foot race, which involves running 135 miles from Death Valley to Mt. Whitney, California; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis has honored civil rights history by retracing Gandhi's famous 240-mile Salt March and running from Selma to Montgomery to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis has proven himself an accomplished ultramarathon runner and dedicated teacher; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize Harvey Lewis for his world record completion of the Big Dog's Backyard Ultra.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Harvey Lewis through the office of Councilmember Seth Walsh.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Seth Walsh