

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2021**

**RECOGNIZING** and honoring Elmer J. Hensler for the service he and his company, Queen City Sausage, have provided the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Elmer J. Hensler was born at home in 1930 in Cincinnati's West End, an area also known as the beginning edges of the City's historic "Porkopolis" meat packing district; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hensler's fond childhood memories of watching early morning cattle runs on Spring Grove Avenue in the thriving meat packing business district where he began working in the mornings before school at age 11 instilled in him a strong interest in the meat product industry; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, with only a modest sum of \$13,000, Mr. Hensler founded Queen City Sausage, which flourished and produces Cincinnati's iconic Bratwurst and signature Smoked Mettwurst; and

WHEREAS, Queen City Sausage's success is rooted in Mr. Hensler's founding principles: authentic German recipes, hand mixed spices, small batch production, real hickory wood smoke, and the mantra, "Never cheapen your product!"; and

WHEREAS, Queen City Sausage products have become the number one, best-selling sausage in Cincinnati Kroger locations and are available at all major and independent retailers; and

WHEREAS, Queen City Sausage brats and metts have been sold for more than five decades at Cincinnati's historic Findlay Market and its many vendors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hensler has always prioritized giving back to the Cincinnati community that made Queen City Sausage such a great success by donating products to those who are hungry and in need, as well as law enforcement and fire department fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Queen City Sausage became the Official Bratwurst of the Cincinnati Reds as a way for Mr. Hensler to support the team and foster a longstanding friendship with Reds fans and the organization; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Mr. Hensler was inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Business Hall of Fame in recognition of his industry leadership, hard work, and determination, where he received a rare standing ovation from the audience; and

WHEREAS, today, at 91 years of age, Mr. Hensler continues to arrive at his office daily and oversee Queen City Sausage's continued growth and contribution to the Cincinnati community, including 14 additions to its original Camp Washington location; 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 Elmer J. Hensler for the service he and his company, Queen City Sausage, have provided to the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Elmer J. Hensler through the office of Councilmember Christopher Smitherman.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman