

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2025

RECOGNIZING the Aiken High School Falcons Boys Basketball team for their outstanding achievements during the 2024-2025 season and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for the team's remarkable performance, sportsmanship, and leadership.

WHEREAS, the Aiken High School Falcons Boys Basketball team, led by Coach Derrell Black, completed an extraordinary 2024-2025 season, demonstrating outstanding skill, perseverance, and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, the Falcons finished the regular season with an exceptional 21-1 record, marking the best start in school and Cincinnati Metro Athletic Conference ("CMAC") history; and

WHEREAS, the Falcons secured the title of CMAC Champions, not only for the 2024-2025 season, but also for the 2023-2024 season, showcasing their sustained excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Falcons earned the title of Ohio High School Athletic Association ("OHSAA") District and Regional Champions, advancing to the OHSAA State Finals for the first time in school history, marking a significant milestone for the program; and

WHEREAS, the Falcons' remarkable journey to the State Finals included victories over several formidable opponents; and

WHEREAS, despite a valiant effort, the Falcons lost to Louisville in the OHSAA DIII State Finals, 63-61, cementing their place as one of the top teams in the state of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, several individual players received accolades for their exceptional performance throughout the season, including James Burnett, Jr., Jaiden Arnold, Tayvon Smith, Antwan Hinton, Justin Hawkins, and Antonio Hutcherson, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Coach Derrell Black was recognized as the CMAC Coach of the Year, District 16 Coach of the Year, and Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year, in recognition of his leadership and coaching excellence throughout the season; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize the Aiken High School Falcons Boys Basketball team for their outstanding accomplishments during the 2024-2025 season and express their appreciation for the team's remarkable performance, sportsmanship, and leadership.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the Aiken High School Falcons Boys Basketball team coaching staff through the office of Councilmember Scotty Johnson.

Passed: _____, 2025

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Scotty Johnson