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An Ordinance No. _____

- 2023

DECLARING that President Drive at Nottingham Road in the Villages at Roll Hill neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Coach Michael Stafford Way” in honor of Michael Stafford and in recognition of his contributions to the Cincinnati community as a national recognized boxing coach.

WHEREAS, Michael “Coach Mike” Stafford grew up in Cincinnati during a tumultuous time in the City’s history, especially for young black youth and men; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Mr. Stafford took his son, Michael Stafford Jr. to train and learn to box at the Millvale Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, by the mid-1990s, Mr. Stafford was working and coaching on the national level and in 1994 was named Junior Olympic Developmental Coach of the Year and was named Developmental Coach of the Year by the United States Olympic Committee in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stafford was named the United States Olympic Committee National Coach of the Year for Boxing in 2003, 2005, and 2007 and was part of United States Boxing’s coaching staff at the 2004 and 2008 Summer Olympics; and

WHEREAS, when Mr. Stafford was a coach with the Cincinnati Golden Gloves program, the program sent local Cincinnati boxers to the Olympics eight times, including Rau’shee Warren, who was the first three-time boxing Olympian in United States history; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati native Duke Ragan, who secured silver in the featherweight division at the 2020 Summer Olympics, described Mr. Stafford as “one of the best coaches” he ever knew; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stafford was not only a great coach but also was a mentor and guided many young men from amateurs to professional status as well as teaching them many life lessons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stafford’s proudest achievements was helping kids change their lives; and

WHEREAS, Michael “Coach Mike” Stafford has made a lasting impact to the Cincinnati community and to the City of Cincinnati’s citizens, and his contributions and service in the sport of boxing and its impact on the Cincinnati community will long be remembered; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That President Drive at Nottingham Road in the Villages at Roll Hill neighborhood shall hereby receive the honorary, secondary name of “Coach Michael Stafford Way” in honor of Michael Stafford and in recognition of his contributions and dedication to the City of Cincinnati through the sport of boxing and his impact in the lives of many young men.

Section 2. That the appropriate City officials are hereby authorized to do all things necessary and proper to implement the provisions of Section 1 herein, including the generation and installation of appropriate secondary street signage, which shall designate President Drive at Nottingham Road as “Coach Michael Stafford Way” in accordance with the Department of Transportation and Engineering’s procedures relating to street designation and related signage.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be sent to the family of Michael Stafford via the office of Councilmember Seth Walsh.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to allow the Department of Transportation and Engineering to move forward with the administrative requirements related to the honorary naming of streets to provide for the ceremony and dedication of the honorary street name at the earliest possible time.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk