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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2023

RECOGNIZING Coach Michael Stafford, better known as Coach Mike, for over 30 years of mentorship, training, and coaching professional and amateur boxers; and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati for his exemplary service to the youth and boxing culture of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Michael Stafford was a graduate of Taft High School class of 1974; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike began his coaching journey in 1991 and would go on to be a part of the USA Boxing Coaching staff for the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens and the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike has trained countless champions, including Raushee "Nuke" Warren and Adrien "The Problem" Broner; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike received many accolades over his prestigious career including "U.S. Coach of the Year" twice and was inducted into the Golden Gloves Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike loved God, his family, boxers, and his community in addition to having a passion for flowers and plants; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike was known for his humility, humbleness, and charming and charismatic personality in addition to his style and flair; 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 Michael Stafford for his over three decades of service to the youth, boxing community, and City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the son of Michael Stafford, Michael Stafford Jr., through the office of Mayor Aftab Pureval.

Passed: _____, 2023

Attest: _____
Clerk

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval