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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2021

RECOGNIZING and honoring Paul Gallagher for his service to the City of Cincinnati and his contributions to the Cincinnati Parks for the beautification of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Paul Gallagher moved to Klotter Avenue in Cincinnati's Clifton Heights, University Heights, and Fairview ("CUF") community in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gallagher became interested in expanding the urban tree canopy as an attempt to reduce the heat coming into his home from the sun on the mostly treeless street; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Mr. Gallagher and two neighbors made their first attempt at planting trees along two blocks of Klotter Avenue; and

WHEREAS, after the initial trees died one month later, Mr. Gallagher replanted each new tree; and

WHEREAS, over the last four decades Mr. Gallagher has planted more than 1000 trees across Cincinnati neighborhoods, working with the Parks Department, residents, and landlords to bring new trees to city streets; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gallagher's infectious love of trees brought others such as neighbors, rental property owners, and the Little Sisters of the Poor Church together to contribute their time and talents in care of CUF's trees and community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gallagher purchased a 125 gallon water tank in order to water newly planted trees during the summer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gallagher uses his own truck to pick up, deliver, and plant trees; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Mr. Gallagher was one of two recipients of the National Arbor Day Foundation Lawrence Enerson Award, recognizing outstanding individuals who have made a positive impact on the environment through a lifelong commitment to tree planting and conservation at a community level; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gallagher retired from the Cincinnati Fire Department as a Captain in 1986 after 33 years of service and has served on the Urban Forestry Advisory Board since 1999; and

WHEREAS, today, at 94 years of age, Mr. Gallagher is still personally planting trees in Cincinnati neighborhoods to the benefit of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the immeasurable impact Mr. Gallagher has, and continues to make, in our City is felt in cooler and more attractive streets across our City, by capturing carbon dioxide, providing shade, and improving the livability of the City of Cincinnati for all people; 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 Paul Gallagher for his service to the City of Cincinnati and contributions to the Cincinnati Parks for the beautification of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Paul Gallagher through the office of Councilmember Chris Seelbach.

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Chris Seelbach