

RESOLUTION NO. 17 - 2021

**RECOGNIZING** David M. DeVillers for his distinguished public career in law enforcement in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio, culminating in his appointment as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio.

WHEREAS, David M. DeVillers was appointed as the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio in 2019, serving approximately 5.5 million residents of the southern 48 counties in the state, including the Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton metropolitan areas, and he resigned his post as U.S. Attorney on February 28, 2021 after a distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, David M. DeVillers began his legal career as an Assistant Franklin County Prosecutor, and later served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, prosecuting seven federal murder cases and leading numerous task forces involving the FBI, ATF, DEA, and IRS and often focusing his work in the areas of organized crime, violent crime, human trafficking, and foreign drug cartels; and

WHEREAS, David M. DeVillers served as an advisor to the prosecution of Saddam Hussein in Iraq, which resulted in his conviction; and

WHEREAS, David M. DeVillers' bi-partisan investigations of Ohio politicians recently resulted in indictments of former Ohio Speaker of the House Larry Householder and three Cincinnati city councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, David M. DeVillers has shown his dedication to ending political corruption in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, David M. DeVillers, in his final comments as U.S. Attorney, encouraged his successor to be "just, apolitical, aggressive and impactful"; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize David M. DeVillers and commend him for his distinguished public career in law enforcement, his commitment to the principles of justice throughout the world and in Cincinnati, and his efforts to end corruption at Cincinnati City Hall.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council.

Passed: March 3, 2021

Attest:   
Clerk

  
John Cranley, Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Sundermann