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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2023

RECOGNIZING Lauren Barnes for extraordinary athleticism in the sport of track and field and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for Ms. Barnes' selfless contributions to her community.

WHEREAS, Lauren Barnes is a shining Cincinnati with a promising future in all her pursuits; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barnes is a graduate of Sycamore High School and is the 2022 Ohio High School Athletic Association ("OSHA") Division I High Jump Champion, where she won both the indoor and outdoor 2022 OSHA state championship, reaching 5'8" outdoors and 5'7" indoors, after previously achieving a personal best of 5'8.5" at the 2022 OSHA Region Four regional championship; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barnes further achieved a sixth-place finish in Long Jump and a seventh-place finish in the Girls' 4x100 Relay at the 2022 OSHA state championship meet; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barnes broke Sycamore High School records with these accomplishments, records which previously stood for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barnes is now an Environmental Studies major at the University of Cincinnati, where she continues decorating her athletic career as a National Collegiate Athletic Association ("NCAA") athlete; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barnes' accomplishments as an NCAA athlete include: 2022 NCAA Division 1 scholarship student-athlete; 2023 NCAA Preliminary Qualifier; 2023 USATF Under-20 National Qualifier and Medalist; and 2023 Under-20 Pan American Games bronze medalist; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barnes always displays her heart for leadership when involved in scholastic and faith-based functions, and the City of Montgomery celebrated Ms. Barnes' accomplishments on and off the track field by proclaiming June 24, 2022 as Lauren Barnes Day in her community; 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 the athletic talents, fortitude, and continued accomplishments of Lauren Barnes.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Lauren Barnes through the office of Councilmember Scotty Johnson.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Scotty Johnson