

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2024**

**RECOGNIZING** Edward Heskamp and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his exemplary commitment to faith, family, and community, which has left an enduring impact on the lives of those around him.

WHEREAS, Edward Heskamp was born into the loving embraces of his mother, Betty Heskamp (née Wingerter); his father, Harry Heskamp; and his four older brothers, Harry, David, James, and Thomas; and

WHEREAS, from a young age, Edward Heskamp was immersed in a nurturing household led by his parents, Betty and Harry Heskamp, whose devotion to faith, community, and country provided him with the foundation centered on a devotion to the things that make life valuable; and

WHEREAS, the Heskamp family was at the time, and still is, a respected pillar of the community, with members serving in the military, starting businesses, winning awards, volunteering countless hours, and serving as faithful spouses and dedicated parents; and

WHEREAS, Edward Heskamp carried these values he witnessed firsthand as a child into adulthood, continuing to live a life of dedication and service to others; and

WHEREAS, Edward Heskamp devoted himself to his college sweetheart, Mary Williams, forming a lifelong bond that started in a science class over a Bunsen burner, getting married, and having two children together; and

WHEREAS, Edward Heskamp's devotion to his faith is evident in his regular attendance at Christ the King Catholic Church, his commitment to raising his children in that faith, and his continuous efforts to improve his community; and

WHEREAS, Edward Heskamp demonstrated his unwavering dedication to his children, Kathryn and Matthew, by actively supporting their growth through fostering Kathryn's musical talents and encouraging Matthew's athletic pursuits, investing in their private Catholic education to provide them with a strong moral and academic foundation, setting a powerful example of familial faithfulness and devotion as a loving husband, and continuously prioritizing his own mental and physical well-being to be the best version of himself for his family; and

WHEREAS, Edward Heskamp was not only a loving husband but a pillar of strength during his wife's battle with cancer, offering constant emotional support and courageously guiding their children through this profound period of loss, which demonstrated the depth of his love and commitment to his family; and

WHEREAS, Edward Heskamp remained a model father after the death of his wife, teaching his children the importance of therapy, reminding them to believe in God's plan, and leaning on family and community so "you don't go through this pain alone"; and

WHEREAS, Edward Heskamp’s experience as a devoted father and husband has shaped his understanding of the challenges facing families in the community, driving him to volunteer his time in ways that uplift families by focusing on young scholars, through helping to fundraise for numerous community efforts, and devoting time to help at Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, Edward Heskamp’s tutoring of young scholars provides them with structured one-on-one support, demonstrating his belief in the potential of every child and the transformative power of knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Edward Heskamp’s active participation in his local civic club, especially through the club’s fundraising efforts, reflects his deep understanding of social responsibility and his desire to uplift those around him, inspiring others to engage in acts of kindness and service; and

WHEREAS, Edward Heskamp’s legacy continues to inspire all who knew him, as his dedication to his family, unwavering commitment to community service, and strength of character serve as a lasting guidance for generations to come; 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 Edward Heskamp as a model Christian, Husband, Father, and Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to Edward Heskamp through the office of Councilmember Seth Walsh.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Seth Walsh