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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2024

RECOGNIZING Harry Santen and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and Council for his humanitarian contributions to those in need in the Greater Cincinnati community.

WHEREAS, Harry Santen is a lifelong Cincinnati and has spent his career working to call attention to inequities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santen graduated from the University of Cincinnati College of Law and founded the law firm, Santen & Santen, now Santen & Hughes, with his father H.W. Santen and his brother William Santen; and

WHEREAS, from 1984 to 1988, Mr. Santen was the president of the Legal Aid Society, an organization dedicated to providing free legal assistance to low-income families and individuals, where he helped raise \$4.2 million for the "Make Things Happen" capital campaign; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santen was a founding member of the Volunteer Lawyer Project, which encourages volunteer participation by private attorneys to help meet the growing need for legal services for low-income families and individuals and which handles over 1,300 cases pro bono every year; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, under the leadership of Judges Nathaniel Jones and Robert Black, Mr. Santen helped form the BLAC-CBA Roundtable which seeks to increase diversity in Cincinnati law firms and which is still active today; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santen served as board chairman of the Catholic Inner City Schools Education from 1991 to 2000, providing educational funding for over 2000 students at inner-city elementary and Catholic high schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santen was involved in the creation of the Nathaniel R. Jones Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice at the UC College of Law, which houses the nation's first joint JD/MA program in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies in which scholars research and work to combat harassment, violence against women, and economic inequalities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santen, in addition to running a successful law firm, has dedicated his life to improving the lives of Cincinnatians; 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 Harry Santen for his humanitarian contributions to those in need in the Greater Cincinnati community.

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

Passed: _____, 2024

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Seth Walsh