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RECOGNIZING AND HONORING the Cincinnati Bearcats football program for its competition and victory in the 2021 Football Bowl Subdivision, its athletic rigor, teamwork, and sportsmanship, and Head Coach Luke Fickell for his dedication and leadership of the program.

WHEREAS, the Bearcats football program represents the University of Cincinnati in college football, competing in the NCAA Division I Football Bowl subdivision level as members of the American Athletic Conference; and

WHEREAS, head coach Luke Fickell has led the team for five seasons and was selected by the vote of his peer coaches from other Football Bowl Subdivision teams as the 2021 Werner Ladder AFCA Football Bowl Subdivision National Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Bearcats were undefeated during the regular season, winning a total of thirteen consecutive football games, a first in the history of the team; and

WHEREAS, twelve Bearcats were placed on the 2021 All-American Athletic Conference First Team, the largest number in the University's history; and

WHEREAS, four Bearcats were named to the 2021 Academic All-America Football Team, the highest number of any team in the country, and the first time in University history that it has had more than one Academic All-American; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2021, the Cincinnati Bearcats won the 2021 American Athletic Conference championship; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati Bearcats were the first member of the American Athletic Conference to gain entry to the College Football Playoff; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council hereby recognize and honor the Cincinnati Bearcats football program for its competition and victory in the 2021 Football Bowl Subdivision, its athletic rigor, teamwork, and sportsmanship, and Head Coach Luke Fickell for his dedication and leadership of the program.

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

Submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval and Councilmember & President Pro Tem Victoria Parks