

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2021

RECOGNIZING and expressing the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati to Joe Mallory during Black History Month 2021 for his decades of continuous leadership and work with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has played an instrumental role in ensuring the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and in eliminating racial hatred and racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati branch of the NAACP was established in 1915 with only 15 to 20 members, and at the time, the organization was considered radical, and members were often afraid of losing their jobs if it was discovered they belonged, so the group had no office and met in members' homes; and

WHEREAS, Joe Mallory, a Naval veteran, Hamilton County Board of Elections administrator of more than 20 years, and former Vice Mayor of Forest Park, played an instrumental role in advancing racial justice in the Greater Cincinnati region as the Cincinnati NAACP's First Vice President; and

WHEREAS, Joe Mallory formerly served as the Cincinnati NAACP's First Vice President under former NAACP President Robert Richardson, Sr., and continues to serve our region in his new role as President of the Cincinnati NAACP since being elected to the position in December 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati NAACP under Joe Mallory's leadership has successfully undergone a process of reorganization and re-engagement with its members and the community, while continuing to remain focused on its core priorities of working to address the major areas of inequality facing African Americans: economic sustainability, education, health, public safety and criminal justice, voting rights and political representation, and expanding youth and young adult engagement; and

WHEREAS, Joe Mallory and the Cincinnati NAACP manage a wide range of impactful programs, committees, and initiatives that serve to achieve breakthroughs in racial equality, including its Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technology, and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO), Committee on Criminal Justice, Political Action Committee, Truth 2 Power Podcast, Women in the NAACP (WIN), and Youth and College Division; and

WHEREAS, Joe Mallory's hard work, passion, commitment, and integrity have been instrumental to the successful operation and growth of the Cincinnati NAACP; and

WHEREAS, Joe Mallory, a member of a famed political family from Cincinnati's West End, grew up in the West End and attended Queen City Vocational School, and is one of six children – five brothers and a sister; and

WHEREAS, Joe Mallory's dedication to service and racial justice has been recognized with his being awarded the President's Award at the Cincinnati NAACP's Annual Freedom Fund Dinner in 2018; 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 Joe Mallory as a 2021 City of Cincinnati Black History Month honoree for his positive impact on the City of Cincinnati and for his dedication to advancing racial justice, equality for all persons, and the protection of our sacred democracy.

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

Passed: _____, 2021

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney