RESOLUTION NO. 56 - 2021

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**RECOGNIZING** and honoring the brave and heroic service men and women who sacrificed their lives in the terrorist attack on the Kabul airport in Afghanistan.

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2021, 13 members of the United States military were killed in a terrorist attack on the Kabul airport in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, this attack served as one of the deadliest days for American forces in the past decade of the 20-year war in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Johanny Rosario Pichardo of Lawrence, Massachusetts was 25 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Nicole L. Gee of Sacramento, California was 23 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Darin T. Hoover of Salt Lake City, Utah was 31 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Hunter Lopez of Indio, California was 22 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Daegan W. Page of Omaha, Nebraska was 23 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Humberto A. Sanchez of Logansport, Indiana was 22 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal David L. Espinoza of Rio Bravo, Texas was 20 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Jared M. Schmitz of St. Charles, Missouri was 20 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Rylee J. McCollum of Jackson, Wyoming was 20 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Dylan R. Merola of Rancho Cucamonga, California was 20 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Kareem M. Nikoui of Norco, California was 20 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Navy Corpsman Maxton W. Soviak of Berlin Heights, Ohio was 22 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Ryan C. Knauss of Corryton, Tennessee was 23 years of age; and

WHEREAS, these 13 service members bravely answered the call in service to their country and gave their life in pursuit of this goal; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. That Council recognizes and honors the following service men and women for their bravery and heroic service to the United States, who lost their lives in the tragic terrorist attach on the Kabul airport in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021:

Sergeant Johanny Rosario Pichardo; Sergeant Nicole L. Gee; Staff Sergeant Darin T. Hoover; Corporal Hunter Lopez; Corporal Daegan W. Page; Corporal Humberto A. Sanchez; Lance Corporal David L. Espinoza; Lance Corporal Jared M. Schmitz; Lance Corporal Rylee J. McCollum; Lance Corporal Dylan R. Merola; Lance Corporal Kareem M. Nikoui; Navy Corpsman Maxton W. Soviak; Staff Sergeant Ryan C. Knauss.

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

ten los 9, 2001 2021 Passed John Cranley, Mayor Attest: Clerk

Submitted by Vice Mayor Christopher Smitherman

