

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-31

Sponsored by: Council President Mary K. Brown

A RESOLUTION

HONORING, COMMENDING AND CELEBRATING GEORGIANNA (GEORGIE) ROHDE ON BEING NAMED THE 2019 RECIPIENT OF THE BEREHA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GRINDSTONE AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Berea Chamber of Commerce holds an annual Grindstone Award Banquet for the purpose of honoring, recognizing and celebrating outstanding members of our community; and

WHEREAS, for the past 52 years, the Chamber of Commerce has presented the Grindstone Award to those worthy individuals who have, throughout their lives, significantly impacted the community and contributed to making the City of Berea a wonderful place in which to live and work; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 recipient of the Grindstone Award is Georgianna (Georgie) Rohde; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rohde has, for the past 49 years, actively and passionately served the City of Berea, tirelessly dedicating herself to a whole host of community-based organizations, assuming various leadership roles and positions, and always promoting and enhancing the community through her volunteer efforts, support and enthusiasm for all things Berea; and

WHEREAS, most of her 13 nominations referenced the fact that Mrs. Rohde became involved with the Berea Arts Fest in 1992, and has remained involved in some capacity each and every year since, serving as President six times, including this year, and helping to lead the Arts Fest to and beyond its 25th Anniversary in Berea; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her devotion to the Berea Arts Fest, Mrs. Rohde has also served the community as a Southwest Meals on Wheels Board Member from 1975-2016, a two-time Mayoral appointee to the Berea Charter Review Commission, Treasurer of the Southwest Arts Council, Treasurer of St. Paul's Early Education Center and President of the Parknoll PTA and PTA Council; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rohde has also spent countless hours volunteering with The North End Foundation and Berea Youth Works, the Southwest Action Group on the Environment and various local, State and National political campaigns; and

WHEREAS, nominators credited Mrs. Rohde with inspiring others to become active members of the community, always giving of her time and talents, promoting professionalism and respect, possessing a joyous laughter and love of all people and making Berea a better place in which to live and work; and

WHEREAS, one nominator concluded the submittal for Mrs. Rohde by stating, "Watching her is rewarding; keeping up with her is impossible."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor of the City of Berea, the President and all Members of Council, and the Officers of the Administration do hereby honor, commend and celebrate Georgianna (Georgie) Rohde on being named the 2019 recipient of the Berea Chamber of Commerce Grindstone Award and do, with grateful hearts, extend our most sincere appreciation and respect to Mrs. Rohde for her countless years of passionate service to our community, and for exemplifying what is best about the City of Berea.

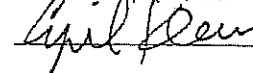
SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the approval of this Resolution were approved in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: April 15, 2019

 Council President

APPROVED: April 17, 2019

 Mayor

ATTEST:  Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  Law Director