

# Resolution

## RESOLUTION 2017-6

**HONORING AND CELEBRATING ROBERT "ROBBIE" ROBINSON, ACKNOWLEDGING THE INNUMERABLE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE INFLUENCED AND INSPIRED BY HIS GENEROSITY, GRACE AND COURAGE, AND PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE COUNTLESS CONTRIBUTIONS HE MADE TO BOTH CITY AND COUNTRY THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF HIS EXTRAORDINARY LIFE.**

**WHEREAS**, Robert "Robbie" Robinson, a native of Michigan and longtime resident of the City of Berea, did, throughout his lifetime, faithfully serve our City and Country in a manner that merits acknowledgement, applause and remembrance; and

**WHEREAS**, Robbie enlisted in the US Army in December of 1942 as a member of the 8<sup>th</sup> Armored Division, was stationed in England as part of the Ninth Army and honorably served as a Technician, having actively participated in major campaigns in Rhineland, Central Europe, and The Ardennes, a campaign universally recognized as the Battle of the Bulge; and

**WHEREAS**, Robbie graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in chemical engineering, worked for Union Carbide Corporation, settled in Berea in 1965 with his wife, Mary Lou, and their two children, David and Jan, and proceeded to easily endear himself to the community through increasing involvement in both Church and civic activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Robbie served as the Senior Volunteer Coordinator at Berea High School, where he proved to be an enthusiastic supporter of sports, music, theatre, clubs and, most importantly, the students, who affectionately referred to him as "Grandpa Robbie"; and

**WHEREAS**, Robbie was a beloved member of the United Methodist Church of Berea, proudly served as President of American Field Service, frequently partook in events with American Legion Post 91 and was a constant presence in almost every Berea parade, dressed to the nines in his military uniform which, after all these many years, still fit him just right; and

**WHEREAS**, Robbie's dedication to public service and volunteerism was recognized in his receipt of the 1997 Grindstone Award and the 2016 Berea City School District Distinguished Alumni Award, and his significant military service as a member of the US Army was commemorated in his acceptance of the 2014 William H. Beyer Commendation for Outstanding Military Service.

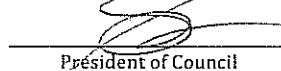
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Berea, State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That the Mayor of the City of Berea, the President and all Members of Council, the Officers of the Administration and the residents of the City of Berea do, with grieving yet grateful hearts, honor and celebrate the life of Robbie Robinson, acknowledge the innumerable individuals who were influenced and inspired by his generosity, grace and courage, pay tribute to the countless contributions he made to both City and Country, and thank him for bequeathing us a legacy of patriotism, honesty, integrity, humor and benevolence that will continue to influence us all to live lives of service, of purpose, and of greatness.

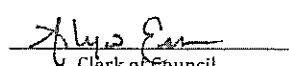
**SECTION 2.** That the Council of the City of Berea, on behalf of the community at large, offer to Robbie's family our thoughts, prayers and heartfelt condolences as we join together with them to mourn the loss of an exceptional man, Berean and American hero who, without question or hesitation, left an indelible impression on every heart he encountered throughout his extraordinary life.

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

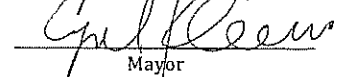
PASSED: FEBRUARY 6, 2017

  
President of Council

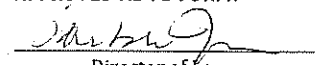
ATTEST:

  
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 6, 2017

  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Berean City School District