

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-24

HONORING AND APPLAUDING NICK BAKER, RYAN SERPENTINI, SERPENTINI CHEVROLET, JOE THOMPSON AND BEREAL BICYCLES FOR THEIR EXTRAORDINARY RESPONSE TO RECENT ADVERSITY THAT INSPIRED OUR COMMUNITY AND ELEVATED THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

Whereas, it is important to recognize those individuals who, in moments of need and despair, react in such a way as to remind us all of the resilience of the human spirit and the healing grace evident in every act of kindness; and

Whereas, one recent act of cruelty and cowardice committed against a fellow resident was almost instantaneously overshadowed by multiple acts of compassion, concern and care; and

Whereas, it is appropriate that we acknowledge, but do not dwell upon, the fact that Nick Baker, a remarkable individual, was recently robbed of his primary means of transportation, whereby depriving him of both the freedom and independence it had provided; and

Whereas, Mr. Baker's sister, Jennifer Baker, jumped to the defense of her brother, utilizing Facebook and other media outlets to elicit support for her sibling and aid in the recovery of his specially equipped bicycle; and

Whereas, Nick Baker's story pierced the hearts of many, including Berea residents, and endeared him forever to strangers he may never come to know; and

Whereas, one of the individuals who heard of Mr. Baker's ordeal was Ryan Serpentini, of Serpentini Chevrolet, and Mr. Serpentini, understanding the importance of reliable transportation, decided to counter the aforementioned cruelty with an act of genuine kindness; and

Whereas, Ryan Serpentini enlisted the help of Joe Thompson, of Berea Bicycles, who eagerly assisted in the creation and construction of a brand new, fully outfitted tricycle equipped with everything Mr. Baker's heart could desire, including a state-of-the-art locking device; and

Whereas, while both Mr. Serpentini and Mr. Thompson delivered Mr. Baker his new bicycle last month, Mr. Baker has delivered us all a valuable lesson regarding the importance of positivity, perseverance and forgiveness; and

Whereas, Mr. Serpentini and Mr. Thompson have also, through their outpouring of generosity, changed the story from one of disappointment and despair, to one of inspiration and benevolence.

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 and applaud Nick Baker, Ryan Serpentini, Serpentini Chevrolet, Joe Thompson and Berea Bicycles for their extraordinary response to recent adversity that inspired our community, elevated the human spirit and reminded us all that good has, and will always, prevail.

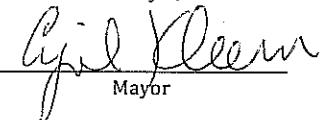
SECTION 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the approval of this Resolution were approved in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions 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.

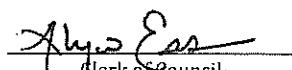
PASSED: May 1, 2017


President of Council

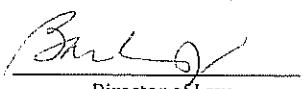
APPROVED: May 1, 2017


Mayor

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Clerk of Council