

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-50

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF JOEL K. LEWIS, SR. aka "PAPA JOEL"

WHEREAS, Joel K. Lewis, Sr. aka Papa Joel, a longtime resident of Oakwood Village, passed away Thursday, August 1st, 2024, at the age of 63; and

WHEREAS, Joel was born on March 7th, 1961, in Cleveland, Ohio to Janice Ruth Kenny. Joel was the 2nd of three children born to Janice. His oldest sister Vanessa and his youngest sister Lisa loved him deeply; he was their very own Superman!; and

WHEREAS, Joel attended school in the Bedford City School district where he graduated in 1979. During his early childhood years, Joel enjoyed playing baseball and many outdoor activities. Playing in the field with his friends and family was the best summer past-time but he understood when the streetlights came on, you must be in the yard!; and

WHEREAS, Joel professed Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Oakwood Village, OH; and

WHEREAS, Joel Served in the US Air Force from 1981 to 1985. He earned an Air Force Training Ribbon, Air Force Outstanding Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal and more. Upon his return home from the Air Force, Joel worked for the Bedford City School district as a Bus Driver. Joel started work at the US Postal Service in August 1986 and happily retired as the Manager of Homeland Security after 33 years of committed service in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Joel enjoyed fishing and sports, but his passion was bowling. Joel spent many days and nights on the lanes with his fellow bowlers jackpotting and toasting the night away and had many honors scores in bowling. One of his favorite trips to take with his sons each year was the annual US Postal Bowling tournament; and

WHEREAS, Joel loved spending time with his Mother (deceased) and Grandmother (deceased) watching Cleveland Indians Baseball games and taking trips to Atlantic City. He also enjoyed his trips to Las Vegas he'd take with his buddies and his sons. Joel was a loving Father to Joel "JoJo" Jr., Anthony "Tony", and Latisha. Joel's Fatherly love overflowed to his nephew Kerry, and a host of family and friends in the Oakwood community, he was simply known as Pop's. Joel loved hosting family and friends for the holidays and was known for being the man with the biggest BBQ grill in the community. He was the face behind the family's lemon cake. Yes, the secret is out, Joel was the man! He was simply the life of the party, and no one was ever without when Joel was around; and

WHEREAS, On Thursday, August 1st, 2024, at 11:51 P.M., Joel took off his Superman Cape and put on His Crown. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord", Joel leaves not to mourn his passing, but to cherish his memory, his loving sisters Vanessa D. Hinton, Lisa J. Evans, and Renee Wilson. His devoted children Joel "JoJo" Lewis Jr., Anthony Lewis Sr.,

and Latisha Mincy (Jordan), along with his devoted nephews Kerry Alien Hinton and Josh Evans. Eleven grandchildren; Aaron, James, Khiairre, Jai'veon, Lhayla, Chad, Jurneep Chasyn, Harper, Princess, and Anthony "AJ" Jr. Five great-nieces and nephews; Kaliyah, Kerry Jr., Skylar, Kahlil, and Jasmine. Joel also leaves a host of family and cousins, and a lifetime of friends and acquaintances; and

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT by the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Village Council and Mayor wish to express their most sincere condolences to the family of Joel K. Lewis aka Papa Joel and hope that the fond memories of such a wonderful, caring person, comfort them in their loss.

SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Joel K. Lewis aka Papa Joel.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approved by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 9-10-2024
Tanya A. Joseph
Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

Erica J. Nikolic
Erica Nikolic, President of Council

Presented to the Mayor 9-11-2024

Approved: 9-11-2024

G. V. Gottschalk
Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2024-50 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 12th day of September 2024.

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POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2024-50 was duly posted on the _____ day of _____, 2024, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter

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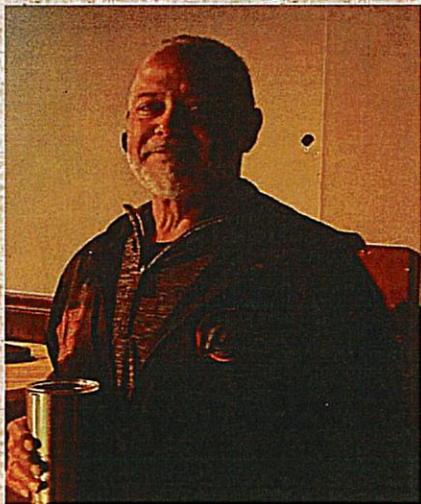
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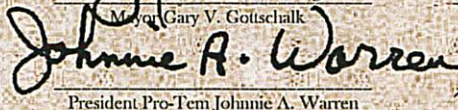
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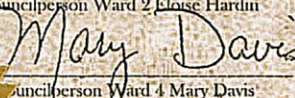
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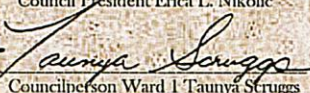

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