

PROCLAMATION

*To all whom these letters shall come, Greetings:
Know ye, that the Louisville Metro Council hereby honors and recognizes*

Da'Jon Hayes-Burr

***Whereas**, the citizens of our community are strengthened by individuals who demonstrate extraordinary courage, compassion, and selflessness; and
WHEREAS, during the recent Thunder Over Louisville event, a moment of unexpected danger called for immediate action and unwavering bravery; and
WHEREAS, in that critical moment, **Da'Jon**, son of **Lakeita Burr-Smith**, rose to the occasion with remarkable courage, placing the safety and well-being of another above his own; and
WHEREAS, without hesitation, he stepped forward and put himself in harm's way to protect a young citizen from danger, exemplifying valor far beyond his years; and
WHEREAS, his actions reflect the highest ideals of heroism—demonstrating integrity, quick thinking, and a deep sense of responsibility for others; and
WHEREAS, such selfless bravery serves as an inspiration to our entire community, reminding us all of the power of courage and the importance of looking out for one another; and
WHEREAS, the actions of **Da'Jon** bring pride not only to his family, but to the entire community that is fortunate to call him one of its own;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED

*We shall recognize and honor **Da'Jon Hayes-Burr** for his actions stand as a shining example for all, reminding us that true heroes walk among us and act when it matters most.*

Third District Councilwoman Shameka Parrish-Wright

Done in Louisville,

This 14th day of May 2026

Fourteenth District Councilwoman Crystal Bast

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*To all whom these letters shall come, Greetings:
Know ye, that the Louisville Metro Council hereby honors and recognizes*

Lakeita Burr-Smith

WHEREAS, it is both a privilege and an honor to recognize the extraordinary character and influence of ***Lakeita***, whose impact reaches far beyond her professional role at Home of the Innocents, and into the very fabric of her community; and

WHEREAS, recent events during Thunder Over Louisville highlighted an act of remarkable bravery by her son ***Da'Jon***, who in a moment of danger, demonstrated courage, selflessness, and an unwavering commitment to protecting others by stepping forward; and

WHEREAS, such courage and moral clarity are not formed in isolation, but are nurtured through consistent guidance, strong values, and the example set within the home; and

WHEREAS, the same dedication she brings to her profession is evident in her role as a mother, where she has instilled in her children the importance of standing up for others, protecting the vulnerable, and doing what is right, even in the face of personal risk; and

WHEREAS, the actions of her son stand as a powerful testament to the foundation of character, compassion, and courage that ***Lakeita*** has cultivated through her example and leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED

*We shall recognize and honor **Lakeita** for her outstanding contributions to her community, her profession, and her family, and for the profound influence she has had in shaping a young person capable of extraordinary bravery.*

Third District Councilwoman Shameka Parrish-Wright

*Done in Louisville,
This 14th day of May 2026*

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