

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2018

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DANIEL M. ALVAREZ: LAWYER, COMMUNITY LEADER, AND FRIEND TO ALL WHO KNEW HIM.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS GREEN, SEXTON SMITH, MULVIHILL, SHANKLIN, STUCKEL, WELCH, WOOLRIDGE, BENSON, LEET, HOLLANDER, REED, FLOOD, BUTLER, YATES, BLACKWELL, AND PRESIDENT JAMES

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (“Council”) wishes to honor Daniel (“Danny”) Michael Alvarez as one of the best and most loved members of the legal community;

WHEREAS, Danny was born in New York City to immigrant parents and grew up in an English and Spanish-speaking household where his parents instilled in him the importance of hard work, honesty, and education;

WHEREAS, Danny moved to Louisville in 1989 where he found teachers and mentors who made lasting impressions and taught him about history and social justice;

WHEREAS, Danny is a graduate of St. Francis High School, the University of Louisville, and the University of Louisville’s Brandeis School of Law;

WHEREAS, Danny began his legal career at the Jefferson County Public Defender’s office where he honed his skills for defending indigent clients and lived by the motto that he provided the “Best Legal Representation Money Can’t Buy;”

WHEREAS, Danny opened his own legal practice in 2003 and worked in the areas of criminal defense, personal injury, bankruptcies, with a focus on immigration law because the Latino community was so underrepresented in Louisville;

WHEREAS, Danny received many accolades for his service in the Louisville Metro community, including the receipt of the Louisville Bar Association’s Young Lawyer

Award in 2007 which is given in recognition of on who has “garnered the respect and admiration of both the judiciary and their colleagues” and was selected as the Top Lawyer by his peers in the Louisville Magazine in both 2013 and 2014;

WHEREAS, colleagues, friends, and family praise Danny as “one of the kindest people you’d ever meet,” “a true public servant, a humanitarian, and a champion for human rights,” “[h]is passion for equality and his fight for fairness are unparalleled

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2018, Danny died at the age of 44, only hours after advancing from the Primary Election with the most votes for the 9th Division race for Jefferson County District Judge, and would have likely prevailed in the General Election to achieve his dream of becoming Judge Alvarez;

WHEREAS, not only was Danny a friend to all who know him, but he also leaves behind a wife, Marie Therese Keating, and three young daughters; and

WHEREAS, the Council mourns his passing and is grateful for his service and dedication to the Louisville community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Council hereby confers and pays tribute to Daniel Michael Alvarez by way of this resolution with all rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereunto appertaining. In testimony, we have caused these letters to be made and the seal of Metro Government to be hereunto affixed. Done in Louisville, Kentucky this 24th day of May 2018.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

H. Stephen Ott
Metro Council Clerk

David James
President of the Council

Greg Fischer
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

By: _____

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