



Louisville Metro Government

Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2022
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ISSUING A STAMP TO HONOR MUHAMMAD ALI.
SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS SHANKLIN, DORSEY, ARTHUR,
PURVIS, MCCRANEY, BOWENS, TRIPLETT, BENSON, CHAMBERS ARMSTRONG,
HOLLANDER, MULVIHILL, KRAMER, BLACKWELL, FOX, FOWLER, REED, WINKLER,
PARKER, PIAGENTINI, GEORGE, ENGEL, FLOOD,
HOLTON STEWART, AND PRESIDENT JAMES

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service honors extraordinary individuals who have contributed to American society, history, culture or environment;

WHEREAS, the stamp program was created to commemorate positive contributions to American life, history, and culture;

WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali, Louisville's native son, clearly has contributed to American society, history, and culture as a singular and renowned figure in and transcending sports, civil rights, peace, activism, freedom of thought and faith, global influence, and humanitarianism;

WHEREAS, as an athlete, Ali, affectionally named the "Louisville Lip" was the 1960 Olympic light heavyweight boxing gold medalist, three-time heavyweight champion of the world, and Sports Illustrated Athlete of the 20th Century;

WHEREAS, as a humanitarian, Ali fought against injustices for many disadvantaged groups of all backgrounds;

WHEREAS, as a world figure, Ali utilized his fame and influence to promote equality and social change for the advancement of lives of all people;

WHEREAS, as a thinker and a doer, Ali promoted confidence, dedication, respect, and love for all people;

WHEREAS, as a role model Ali left us with lessons that packed humor, truth and suffering; such as, "A man who has no imagination has no wings," and "He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life," and "I wish people would love everybody else the way they love me. It would be a better world," and "You lose nothing when fighting for a cause," and "My principles are more important than the money or my title;" and

WHEREAS, Muhammad Ali also once said "I should be a postage stamp. That's the only way I'll ever get licked."

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

SECTION I: That the Louisville Metro Council supports the Get the Champ a Stamp movement to create an official postal stamp to honor the late Muhammad Ali, whose contributions to our nation and our world, will forever be part of our history and a reminder that, even since his passing, he will never be licked.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval or otherwise becomes law.

Sonya Harward
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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