

RESOLUTION NO. 9 - 2016

RECOGNIZING Dr. John Bryant's distinguished life of service to the Cincinnati region and expressing Council's deep appreciation for his legacy as a pioneer in education for more than fifty years.

WHEREAS, Dr. John Bryant, an alumnus of Withrow High School and the University of Cincinnati College of Education, became the first African-American faculty member at Withrow High School in 1960, teaching business education, and also subsequently became the first African-American head basketball coach in the Cincinnati Public School system; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bryant taught at Wilmington College for nineteen years, becoming Chair of the Education Department, where he was recognized for developing a new course in which future teachers have the opportunity to work in urban schools and social service agencies in Columbus and Cincinnati to gain exposure to urban communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bryant served on numerous committees for the Ohio Department of Education, his work leading to broad reform in teacher education including standardizing the process for teacher certification and developing methods for evaluating teachers; and

WHEREAS, from 1990 to 2002, Dr. Bryant served as Executive Director of the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative, a partnership among Cincinnati Public Schools, local businesses, government agencies, and community groups that addresses challenges facing students in urban schools, which is a partnership that has proven successful, winning the accolades of education groups across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bryant's commitment to improving the quality of education in the region is demonstrated by his work as an education consultant and his service as a board member for many youth-focused organizations including Crayons to Computers, Ohio After School Network, the Governor's Task Force on Reading and Literacy, the Mayerson Human Resource Development Academy, and the Hamilton County Education Foundation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council recognize Dr. John Bryant for his leadership in Ohio and nationally in the fields of youth education and social welfare and for his achievements and expertise in the field of teacher education.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and copies be provided to Dr. John Bryant of Cincinnati through the office of Councilmember Yvette Simpson.

Passed: February 18, 2016

Attest: [Signature]
Clerk

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Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Yvette Simpson