

RESOLUTION NO. 41 - 2016

**RECOGNIZING** Nadjah Bray, Cincinnati's own Food Network Champion, for her passion for cooking, her determination to succeed, and her remarkable journey and exciting future.

WHEREAS, Nadjah Lawren Bray, who was born to parents Aaron Lawrence Bray and Dwan LaKresia Bray on November 1, 2003, is the oldest of five children and is a home-schooled 8th grader with aspirations to be an attorney, entrepreneur, and five-star restaurant owner; and

WHEREAS, Nadjah Lawren Bray is the big sister to three children with disabilities and a team player for her family and four siblings; and

WHEREAS, Nadjah Lawren Bray has been cooking since November 2015, when she discovered her cooking passion and skills while her baby sister was in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for over a month due to her inability to breathe without the assistance of oxygen; and

WHEREAS, Nadjah Lawren Bray submitted herself as a potential contestant for the Food Network series "Chopped Junior," traveled to and filmed in New York City during Mother's Day weekend, and competed with three other contestants for three cooking rounds, which consisted of an appetizer, entrée, and dessert round; and

WHEREAS, Nadjah Lawren Bray's winning meal included an appetizer of Malabar spinach salad with chicken nuggets and potatoes topped with a fish lollipop vinaigrette; a main course of instant noodles with seared scallops and sautéed broccoli, paired with a lemon butter sauce; and a dessert of plumcot and biscuit dough tart topped with hand whipped cream, fossil candy, and almond crumble; and

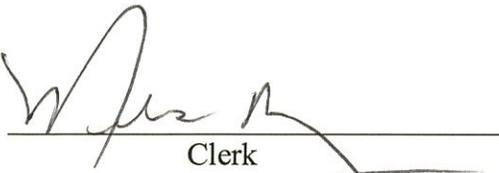
WHEREAS, Nadjah Lawren Bray enjoys cooking southern style comfort foods, healthy organic and dairy free meals, as well as Mediterranean and Italian dishes, and believes in cooking passionately and from the heart with love – she feels that if you're not cooking with love, you shouldn't be cooking; now, therefore,

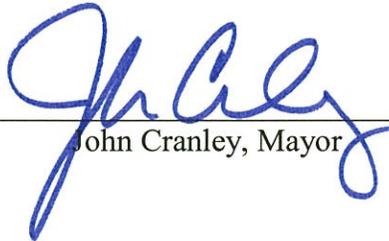
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati recognize Nadjah Lawren Bray as a passionate Junior Chef, who wanted to show her siblings, particularly her autistic three year old twin brothers, that they can do anything that they dare to dream.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies be presented to Nadjah Lawren Bray.

Passed: September 14, 2016

Attest:   
Clerk

  
John Cranley, Mayor

Submitted by Councilmember Yvette Simpson