

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2024

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARVIN HART BY DEDICATING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WEST MUHAMMAD ALI BOULEVARD AND FIRST STREET AS “MARVIN HART WAY” IN HIS HONOR.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER PHILLIP BAKER

WHEREAS, Marvin Hart, born on September 16, 1876, in Fern Creek became the first of four World Heavyweight Champions from Louisville, Kentucky;

WHEREAS, Marvin Hart, a boxing legend whose tenacity and skill in the ring have left an indelible mark on the sport's history;

WHEREAS, despite starting his boxing career at the age of 23, Hart's determination saw him rise through the ranks, gaining popularity as a middleweight and light heavyweight before moving up to heavyweight;

WHEREAS, Hart's career is particularly inspiring as he fought most of it, including his heavyweight reign, while being blind in one eye;

WHEREAS, his victory over Jack Root to win the vacant world's heavyweight championship is still celebrated by boxing supporters; and

WHEREAS, Marvin Hart prematurely died in 1931, leaving behind his legacy that continues to inspire athletes and fans alike.

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

SECTION I: Marvin Hart's leadership and service to Louisville is hereby recognized with the placement of an honorary street sign at the southwest corner of West Muhammad Ali Boulevard and First Street in Louisville, Kentucky, and so designated as "Marvin Hart Way."

SECTION II: The Department of Public Works is hereby directed to move forward with fabrication and installation of the honorary sign upon the passage of this Resolution and the receipt of funds to cover the expense.

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

Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk

Markus Winkler
President of the Council

Craig Greenberg
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

By: _____

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