

RESOLUTION NO. 181-22

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING VETERANS' TREATMENT COURT VALOR COURT GRADUATES

WHEREAS, Judge Gary F. Werner of the Medina Municipal Court has established Medina County's first Veterans' Treatment Court, also known as the Valor Court; and

WHEREAS, the Valor Court was certified by the Supreme Court of Ohio on December 16, 2021 to operate as Ohio's 29th specialized docket serving veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Valor Court is based upon "restorative justice" principles specifically designed to assist justice-involved U. S. military veterans who are afflicted by physical and/or mental consequences resulting from their military service; and

WHEREAS, participants deemed eligible for Valor Court admission are required during the year-long program to satisfy numerous requirements, including continuous sobriety, reporting to probation, drug screening, prescribed clinical care, and to achieve other rehabilitative goals; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that graduation from the Valor Court program is statistically shown to reduce substantially the graduate's risk of recidivism, and to promote the graduate's productive engagement with their families and in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the successful completion of Valor Court program represents a significant achievement; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires and deems it wholly right and appropriate to recognize and honor all of those U.S. military veterans who have successfully completed the Valor Court program;

NOW THEREFORE, on behalf of the Mayor, the City Administration, and of all of the residents of the City of Medina, County of Medina, Ohio, the City Council of the City of Medina hereby resolved as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby extends its heartfelt congratulations to each successful graduate of the Medina Municipal Court's Valor Court program.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council expresses its sincere gratitude to each successful Valor Court graduate for their personal perseverance, commitment to self-improvement, and their willingness to be productive members of our community.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council offers to each successful Valor Court graduate its best wishes for their continued success, health, prosperity, and happiness.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council thanks each successful Valor Court graduate for their service to our country.

Given on this _____ day of _____, 20____, in the City of Medina, County of Medina, and State of Ohio.

PASSED: October 11, 2022

SIGNED: John M. Coyne, III
President of Council

ATTEST: Kathy Patton
Clerk of Council

APPROVED: October 12, 2022

SIGNED: Dennis Hanwell
Mayor