

RESOLUTION 23-21

Whereas, the passing of Rich Newgard, a great community leader, has caused a deep void of sadness within the community after a dedicated service of 13 years; and

Whereas, a dedicated and professional Councilmember is a vital individual for the Laurens City Council to serve the community; and

Whereas; Rich fearlessly and tirelessly fulfilled his duties as councilmember, as well acting as a mentor to colleagues, especially those of Police, Fire, and ambulance throughout his 13 years of service to the Laurens community; and

Whereas; the entire community of Laurens greatly appreciates the work and individual sacrifice put forth by Rich in fulfillment of those duties, and

Whereas; the elected and appointed officials and staff of the City of Laurens will greatly miss his leadership, intelligence, service, and advocacy for a greater community, and

Whereas; the City of Laurens recognizes the memorials left by the Family of Rich Newgard in his appointed roles of Police, Fire, and Ambulance in his honor

Now therefore, be it resolved, by the elected and appointed bodies of the City of Laurens, Iowa that Rich Newgard and his 13 years of dedicated service to the Laurens community are hereby recognized and appreciated; and

Be it further resolved, that we cannot replace Rich Newgard, but we will attempt to improve our lives and service, and live our lives as demonstrated by the great example of Rich.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have unto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the City of Laurens, Iowa, to be affixed this 19th day of July 2021.

Rod Johnson, Mayor