

Proclamation

BE IT PROCLAIMED:

- WHEREAS,** the Xenia Community Schools Foundation Hall of Honor was established to honor graduates of Xenia High School who have achieved remarkable success in their career or anyone who has made a significant contribution to education in Xenia; and
- WHEREAS,** Michael Thomas “Mike” Ungard, Xenia High School Class of 1953, Sports Reporter, Veteran and Role Model, attended the University of Cincinnati and served in the United States Army; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Ungard served the Xenia Community throughout his life as a teacher, coach, umpire and sports reporter, and his career spanned nearly 40 years during which he also served as sports editor of the Xenia Daily Gazette and the Beavercreek News, sharing a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the 1974 Xenia tornado; and
- WHEREAS,** his lifelong passion was sports, and he was inducted into the Xenia Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012 and the Beavercreek Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002 and was often referred to as “The Nude Knob”; he was a fixture at local high school sporting events and provided extensive coverage of athletic events including a game preview, information about players on each team, and the strengths and weaknesses of each team, in addition to extensive coverage of the game itself and post-game interviews, and he had an incredible memory for detail, unique writing style and “nose for the news”; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Ungard was highly respected for his support of youth athletes and his incredible base of knowledge, and he, himself, had a successful high school athletic career as a golfer, football player, and track and field athlete, winning a Miami League shotput title as a junior; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Ungard was a role model of hard work and dedication on behalf of area youth, and he is being inducted into the Hall of Honor posthumously, having passed away on November 25, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sarah J. Mays, Mayor of the City of Xenia, Ohio, do hereby congratulate

“MICHAEL THOMAS ‘MIKE’ UNGARD”

on the prestigious accomplishment of being inducted into the Xenia Community Schools Foundation Hall of Honor as a role model for current and future generations of students and the community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Xenia, Ohio, to be affixed this 19th day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.


Sarah J. Mays
Honorable Mayor of Xenia, Ohio

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