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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA
The 16th day of November, 2020.

No. 41915-111620.

A RESOLUTION naming and honoring The Resilient Spirit of the Star City as the City of Roanoke's 2020 Citizen of the Year, acknowledging the sacrifices and contributions made by the Citizens of Roanoke in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

WHEREAS, Roanoke City Council honors all those who have continued to work in essential jobs, even though they may have wished to protect themselves by self-isolating at home;

WHEREAS, Roanoke City Council recognizes all those who have helped and stayed in touch with their friends, neighbors, and loved ones;

WHEREAS, Roanoke City Council applauds all those who have learned and taken advantage of new technologies for work, entertainment, and communication with others in response to the impact of the pandemic;

WHEREAS, Roanoke City Council calls attention to the commitment of all those who have helped to slow the spread of COVID-19 by following guidelines from the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, by wearing masks, maintaining safe distances, and washing hands frequently;

WHEREAS, Roanoke City Council commends school administration, teachers, parents, and others who have helped students embrace virtual learning;

WHEREAS, Roanoke City Council appreciates all those who have donated their time or money to efforts to contain the virus;

WHEREAS, Roanoke City Council regards the culmination of efforts listed in this resolution as evidence of Citizens' courage, perseverance, and spirit to respond dynamically to the difficulties experienced in our City as the result of a worldwide pandemic in the year 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Roanoke as follows:

1. Council names and honors The Resilient Spirit of the Star City as the 2020 City of Roanoke Citizen of the Year, in recognition of the contributions made by Citizens to overcome challenges and respond to the needs of our Community during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
2. The City Clerk is directed to have published a copy of the foregoing resolution to the City's website.

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Cecilia J. McKay in black ink.

City Clerk.