

PRESENTED BY: MAURER, SOYARS, DEBEVEC  
WOKOJANCE, ANGELOFF, PALMER, MEGYES, COBURN, & FREY

RESOLUTION NO. 58-2016  
SPONSORED BY: MRS. FREY

TITLE: COMMENDATION – LEACH’S MEATS & SWEETS

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBERTON TO HONOR AND GIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION TO THE LEACH FAMILY AS THEY CELEBRATE 45 YEARS OF OPERATION OF LEACH’S MEATS & SWEETS, A VERY POPULAR AWARD-WINNING BARBERTON BUSINESS.

WHEREAS, Barberton is known for many things, our chicken, the lake, the color purple and great family owned and operated businesses and Leach’s Meats & Sweets is one of those businesses; and

WHEREAS, Ray Leach Sr. began his working career at the age of 8 at Jhan’s Slaughterhouse in Marietta until the age of 12 where he was paid in hearts, tongues and livers until his family moved to Akron. Ray worked at Mondl’s Meats and Grocery Store for 21 years as well as working at Bozin’s Saveway; and

WHEREAS, Ray married his wife (the former Jean Plucinski) and had 6 children. Jean passed away in 1981. Ray remarried and now has 11 children (his 6 and 5 stepchildren) as well as 28 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in 1971 Jean and Ray started their business “Leach’s Meats” in the building that now houses Cheers Bar. While in that location, they acquired Bob’s Bakery which was housed in the same building. They became “Leach’s Meats and Sweets.” The business flourished and they eventually outgrew their quarters so Ray had a new building erected directly across the street. Ray started the Leach’s catering business in the early 80’s. It is now run by his daughter Tina; and

WHEREAS, several of Ray and Jean’s children still work in the family business. Ray Jr. runs the bakery and John handles the operation of the meat business. Grandsons Matt and Josh also work in the business. Grandson Mark (an up and coming Country Western Singer) and granddaughter Breanna work between school and other jobs. Ray Sr. has retired five times and each time is drawn back to doing what he likes to do best – working in the business he and Jean started; and

WHEREAS, the business has grown into a business equally popular for their pies, cakes, donuts, breads, sausage, lunch meats as well as great sub sandwiches and marinated steaks and roasts at a fair price and you can also buy a Mark Leach CD.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Barberton, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Council of the City of Barberton hereby honors and gives public recognition to Leach’s Meats & Sweets as they celebrate 45 years of operation. Barberton is proud to have such a great family business and we wish the Leach family continued success and hope they are in business another 45 years.

SECTION 2. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed \_\_\_\_\_ 2016

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ 2016

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Mayor