

RESOLUTION 2023 – 24

**RECOGNIZING JOHN C. LOOKER FOR HIS SELECTION
INTO THE 2023 CLASS OF THE OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME**

WHEREAS, John Looker served in the US Army in the 1st Cavalry Division from 1967 to 1969 during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, John earned two Purple Hearts as part of his heroic actions during the Battle of the Angel's Wing on March 9, 1969

WHEREAS, while John's dedication to his country was demonstrated during his service in the US Army, it is John's post-military altruism that truly makes him stand out; and

WHEREAS, Since 1998, John has been an active member of the City of Mason's organized efforts to recognize and support veterans including the serving on the Mason Veterans Memorial Committee and Board of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, John has been an active member of the American Legion Post 194 for the past 35 year serving as Commander from 2007 to 2013 where he led multiple initiatives such as the annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony and Veterans Ceremony which have become a tradition in the Mason community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his efforts in Mason, John serves as a board member on the Warren County Veterans Services Board, is an American Legion National Committee member and held several positions for the Commanders Action Network for the Disabled Veterans of America; and

WHEREAS, John has spearheaded countless initiatives in the City of Mason aimed at honoring veterans including the military banner and yard sign program, commemorative brick programs, the City of Mason's designation as a Purple Heart City, the establishment of the POW/MIA Memorial, Gold Star Family Memorial and Purple Heart Memorial at the Mason Veterans Memorial; and

WHEREAS, John's post-military accomplishments and dedication to his fellow veterans have earned him an opportunity to be inducted into the 2023 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS John Looker has committed a lifetime of service to veterans in Mason and beyond and has earned the admiration, respect and friendship of elected leaders and residents alike; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, six members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. Mason City Council commends John Looker and his port-military accomplishments that have led to his introduction into the 2023 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

Section 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 9th day of October, 2023.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council