

**RESOLUTION 2023 – 25**

**RECOGNIZING DR. PURCELL TAYLOR FOR HIS SELECTION  
INTO THE 2023 CLASS OF THE OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME**

WHEREAS, Dr. Purcell Taylor served in the United States Marines from 1959 – 1965 where he served as a weapons repair and artillery safety officer in Okinawa Japan and Camp Lejeune North Carolina as well as fought in the Vietnam War during the early years of the conflict; and

WHEREAS, after his honorable discharge, Dr. Taylor began his pursuit of what would be a lifelong career in the field of psychiatry and education, becoming the first African American at the University of Cincinnati to receive a doctorate degree in psychology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Purcell Taylor is a strong, dedicated leader within his field of work in Psychology, becoming the first African American at the University of Cincinnati to receive a doctorate degree at the School of Psychology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor has made a lifelong commitment to research and development which has had a profound impact in the field of psychology and that impact will benefit students and professionals for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor is an active member of the VFW Post 9622 and American Legion Post 194 in Mason and serves as a peer mentor in the Warren County Veterans Court allowing him to use his expertise to rehabilitate veterans who have found themselves in the criminal justice system;

WHEREAS, Dr. Taylor’s post-military accomplishments and dedication have earned him an opportunity to be inducted into the 2023 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Purcell Taylor has earned the respect and admiration of his peers and fellow veterans and his work has bettered the lives of many in Mason and the greater Cincinnati region;

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 Dr. Purcell Taylor and his post-military accomplishments that have led to his induction 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.

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Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk of Council