

RESOLUTION NO. 038-2025(COTW), *First Reading*

By Vice President Russell

A Resolution recognizing and commending Dorian Pace for his heroic actions in ensuring the safety of students during a school bus fire; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

WHEREAS, on the morning of February 27, 2025, a Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School bus transporting 15 students to Monticello Middle School experienced a sudden fire near the intersection of Cambridge and Northampton; and

WHEREAS, the school bus driver, Dorian Pace, OAPSE Local 617 member who has served the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District for 11 years and has been a dedicated bus driver for a total of 21 years, upon noticing flames emerging from behind a rear wheel, acted with remarkable swiftness and composure to bring the bus to a safe stop, ensuring the immediate and orderly evacuation of all students on board; and

WHEREAS, due to Dorian Pace's quick thinking and unwavering actions, all students were removed from the bus without injury, preventing what could have been a tragic incident; and

WHEREAS, Dorian Pace exemplified extraordinary professionalism, courage, and dedication to the safety of the students, embodying the highest standards of service in the transportation of our precious cardo our children; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Heights City Council wishes to formally recognize and commend Dorian Pace for his bravery and commitment to public safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cleveland heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Cleveland Heights City Council hereby extends its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Dorian Pace for his selfless and brave actions in ensuring the safety of students during the school bus fire on February 27, 2025.

SECTION 2. The Council recognizes Dorian Pace as an outstanding public servant and expresses its admiration for his courage, quick response, and commitment to the well-being of our Cleveland Heights students.

SECTION 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be presented to Dorian Pace as a token of our appreciation for his extraordinary service to our community.

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SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions and deliberations of Council and its committees relating to the passage of this legislation that resulted in formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. Notice of the passage of this Resolution shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights or by posting the full text of this Resolution to the City of Cleveland Heights website.

SECTION 6. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need to recognize Dorian Pace in a timely manner. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



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TONY CUDAS  
President of Council



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ADDIE BALESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED: March 3, 2025

Presented to Mayor: March 5, 2025 Approved: March 13, 2025

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KAHLIL SEREN  
Mayor