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COUNCIL BILL  2021- 001  RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION

1 RECOGNIZING the life of former Springfield City Councilman Thomas Bieker.  
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4 WHEREAS, Thomas Michael "Tommy" Bieker was born on September 20, 1980,  
5 in Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, and lived in our fine city for most of his life;  
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8 WHEREAS, in 1998, after graduating from Parkview High School, Tommy  
9 enlisted in the United States Navy and served until 2001; and  
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11 WHEREAS, he enlisted in the Army reserves in 2003 and continued his service  
12 until his passing; and  
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14 WHEREAS, Tommy attended Ozarks Technical College and Drury University  
15 and graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in both Biology and Environmental  
16 Studies; and  
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18 WHEREAS, Tommy continued his education, earning his Master of Science  
19 degree from Webster University in 2014; and  
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21 WHEREAS, Tommy was elected to the Springfield City Council in April 2011  
22 after serving as a member of the Springfield-Greene County Environmental Advisory  
23 Board; and  
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25 WHEREAS, in addition to serving on City Council, Tommy served the community  
26 in various roles, including Junior Chamber (Jaycees) as a board member and President  
27 of the Certified Hazardous Materials Managers Greater Ozarks Chapter and was  
28 honored by the Springfield Business Journal as a member of the 2020 class of 40  
29 Under 40.  
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31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
32 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:  
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34 Section 1 – City Council hereby honors the life of Thomas Bieker, recognizes his

35 achievements, and gives thanks to the many contributions he made to his community.

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37 Section 2 – This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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39 Passed at meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

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43 Mayor

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45 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk

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51 Approved as to form: Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney

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54 Approved for Council action: Jason A. Page, City Manager

**EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2021-001**

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ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: City Council

PURPOSE: To recognize the life of Thomas Michael "Tommy" Bieker, and the notable contributions he made to Springfield.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Tommy Bieker was a long-time resident of Springfield, a veteran, businessman, and a public servant. Tommy served in the United States Navy and Army reserves for over twenty years. Tommy worked to promote environmentally safe policies and served in various leadership roles within the community. He was a strong supporter of the City's tree planting and preservation initiatives. Tommy was also a public servant at heart, having been elected to Springfield's City Council. His passion and hard work reflected his deep commitment and love for his community.

REMARKS: City Council wishes to recognize Tommy Bieker's many accomplishments and dedicated service to the City of Springfield.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

  
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Anita J. Cotter, City Clerk

  
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Jason Gage, City Manager