



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution congratulating Vanderbilt University Associate Head Coach Josie Earnest Barnes on winning the U.S. Women's Open in Bowling.

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2021, Josie Earnest Barnes won the U.S. Women's Open in Bowling in Rohnert Park, California, winning \$100,000, the largest first-place check in women's bowling history; and

WHEREAS, Barnes earned the iconic green jacket for winning her first major on the Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) Tour, beating Singapore's Cherie Tan, 198-194; and

WHEREAS, Barnes grew up in rural Illinois and was a toddler when her parents opened a bowling center which put her on the fast track to a successful bowling career; and

WHEREAS, at age 12, Barnes beat bowlers six to 10 years older than her to finish in the top five in a state tournament; and

WHEREAS, Barnes, 33, is currently the Associate Head Coach at Vanderbilt University where she competed in bowling as a student from 2006-2010; and

WHEREAS, during her freshman year at Vanderbilt, Barnes helped lead the Commodores to their first national team title in any sport and was named tournament MVP; and

WHEREAS, she was a four-time All-American and the first bowler to win NCAA Player of the Year twice; and

WHEREAS, Barnes' bowling career as a student earned her a place in the Vanderbilt Athletics Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Barnes has won junior, NCAA, and Professional Women's Bowling Association championships throughout her career including the 2016 Rochester Open, the 2018 East Hartford Open, and the 2019 Greater Cleveland Open; and

WHEREAS, Barnes is a nine-time member of Team USA, including the current team, and was a five-time member of Junior Team USA; and

WHEREAS, Barnes is equally focused on winning more tournaments while expanding the sport's popularity through college programs like Vanderbilt's, explaining that it allows girls the opportunity to get an education while getting to compete at the highest level; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognizes and congratulates Josie Barnes for winning her first major on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as congratulating Vanderbilt University Associate Head Coach Josie Earnest Barnes on winning the U.S. Women's Open in Bowling.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan

Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.