RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, A longtime El Pasoan and mainstay in the competitive high school world of wrestling, Coach Anthony Carter has led the Hanks High School Wrestling program for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Coach Carter began coaching at Hanks during the 1990-91 season but it wasn't until 1999-2000 when girls wrestling was sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League in which he took the reins of the Hanks Girls Wrestling Program, leading the girls wrestling program to six straight state titles from 2014-2019; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Coach Carter was inducted into the Texas Wrestling Hall of Fame and locally has been recognized by El Paso Times as Coach of the Year over 10 times; and

WHEREAS, The National Federation of State High School Associations, the governing body for all U.S. high-school athletics, named Coach Carter the 2016 National Coach of the Year for boys' wrestling, making him the only high-school coach in the state of Texas to win this honor for the 2015-16 school year, and in addition, Carter was also named the 2015-16 Coach of the Year by the Texas Girls Coaches Association for the 4A, 5A, and 6A UIL divisions combined; and

WHEREAS, Coach Carter has been an inspiration and motivator helping wrestlers to gain confidence and reach their full potential. He has been behind 30 state champions, with his wrestlers going on to collegiate sport with over 30 wrestlers taking their talent to over 15 different colleges; and

WHEREAS, Coach Carter has been the force behind Hanks Wrestling, mentoring so many students in and outside the mats and after 30 years, he will retire, not only leaving behind a legacy of champions but also of thousands of practices, of the lessons of losing and trying again, and the grind it takes to be a good athlete and a better teammate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City Council recognize Coach Anthony Carter for his accomplished tenure as a wrestling coach, for his contributions to Hanks High School, to high school wrestling and to all the students privileged to have been trained by him and even in retirement, he will always be referred to as, Coach.

(Signatures begin on following page)

APPROVED this 23rd day of May, 2023.

THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser

Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ignacio R. Troncoso

Assistant City Attorney