

RESOLUTION NO. 705

**A RESOLUTION NAMING THE COMMUNITY CENTER SWIMMING POOL
IN HONOR OF
LT. COLONEL PAUL MIKEAL**

WHEREAS, Lt. Colonel Paul Mikeal, a native of Clinton, passed away on July 1, 2012 while piloting a C-130 transport plane on a mission to fight wildfires in South Dakota. At the time of his mission he was a member of the 145th Airlift Wing of the North Carolina Air National Guard stationed near Charlotte and Chief of Standardization and Evaluation of the North Carolina Air National Guard.

While growing up in Clinton he attended Clinton Elementary and Clinton High School and has a multitude of friends still in town who remember him with great fondness and respect for his outgoing warmth and accomplishments.

Paul was one of the original members of Clinton Sharks and Clinton High School Swim Teams. After graduation he attended the University of North Carolina-Charlotte on a swimming scholarship where he was a three year letterman and captain of the Varsity Swim Team.

While in College he was a member of the Air Force ROTC and its Distinguished Graduate. He attained a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and, most importantly, met his wife Marlo.

During his career, Lt. Colonel Mikeal had five deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan where he flew C-130 transport planes and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Joint Forge, Operation Jump Start and Operation Restore Focus. During the course of his career he earned, among many others, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Achievement Medal with five clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and Humanitarian Service Medal, all while contemporaneously earning a Master's Degree in Aero Science Technology.

Lt. Colonel Mikeal is survived by his wife of 20 years, Marlo; a 15 year old daughter, Amanda; and his 12 year old son, Liam of Mooresville, North Carolina. He is the son of the late Jerry Mikeal of Clinton and is also survived by his mother, Connie Mikeal of Clinton and sisters Angela Yonce of Clinton and Tina Adkins of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the City of Clinton is honored by Lt. Colonel Mikeal's accomplishments as a native son and contributing member of this community; by his success in college; and by his service to his country as an Air Force Officer in two wars and in domestic humanitarian and emergency missions, on the last of which he made the ultimate sacrifice.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF CLINTON, TENNESSEE:**

- Section 1.** That we express our highest appreciation to Lt. Colonel Paul Mikeal for his accomplishments and our deepest sorrow for his sacrifice and, as a small token thereof, name the Community Center swimming pool as the Paul Mikeal Aquatic Center.
- Section 2.** That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes and a copy provided to any family member who may desire.
- Section 3.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Passed on September 24, 2012.


MAYOR


CITY RECORDER