

WHEREAS:

Ralph Drees resides in Crescent Springs with his wife of 60 years, Irma. Together, they have five children and thirteen grandchildren. Ralph is the Chairman of the Board of The Drees Company, one of the top 25 home builders in the nation. During his career, Ralph has been honored with the three premier national housing awards: "Builder of the Year", "America's Best Builder", and the "National Housing Quality Award;" and

WHEREAS:

Ralph Drees has always been a community leader, including service as a Councilman with the City of Erlanger, two-time President of the Home Builder's Association of Northern Kentucky, Chairman of the Area Planning Commission, President of the Home Builder's Association of Kentucky, Chairman of the Kenton County Airport Board, Chairman of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Board Member for Northern Kentucky University, Board Member for Thomas More College, and Judge/Executive for Kenton County from 2004 through 2010; and

WHEREAS:

To mark The Drees Company's 75th anniversary in 2003, the Drees Pavilion at Devou Memorial Overlook, valued at \$2 million, was donated to the City of Covington, resulting in revenue generation of nearly \$5.5 million to date to support Devou Park improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Kenton County Fiscal Court do hereby proclaim Ralph Drees as a:

2018 KENTON COUNTY PIONEER AWARD HONOREE

In witness thereof, we have hereunto set our hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the County of Kenton, Kentucky, this 30th day of April, 2018.

Judge/Executive Kris A. Knochelmann

Commissioner Beth Sewell

Commissioner Dr. Jon Draud

Commissioner Joe Nienaber