

RESOLUTION NO. 65-2008

Offered by All of Council

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING TOM COUCH ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE RICHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT AFTER 33 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, Tom Couch joined the Richfield Fire Department in May of 1975 as a volunteer firefighter; and

WHEREAS, in the early years, Tom Couch was also a park ranger and then a Richfield Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Tom Couch went on to become a paramedic; and

WHEREAS, in 1983 Tom Couch gave up his position in the Richfield Police Department and was part of the transformation of the Fire Department in 1983 to become one of the first full-time staff members in a department that provided a paramedic on duty in Richfield for twenty-four hours; and

WHEREAS, Tom Couch was one of the first members of the Summit County Hazardous Materials Team; and

WHEREAS, Tom Couch helped to create the Summit County Special Operations Team for rope and high angle rescue; and

WHEREAS, Tom Couch was instrumental in organizing a rope rescue team in Richfield that responded to calls around Summit County before Summit County had a designated team; and

WHEREAS, Tom Couch organized and conducted rope and rescue training for Richfield Fire Department members and headed up Richfield's High Angle Rope Rescue Team for many years; and

WHEREAS, Tom Couch spearheaded a joint project among local fire departments for the first Child Safety House that was built in Richfield and was used for many years by Bath, Richfield, Copley and Fairlawn Fire Departments for school fire prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 Tom Couch was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Tom Couch coordinated many EMS training programs in the Richfield Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Tom Couch managed the Fire Association Steak Fry for many years, an event that serve as the nucleus of the Community Day; and

WHEREAS, Tom Couch oversaw the public CPR Education Program; and

WHEREAS, Tom Couch was responsible for management of the firehouse computer program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, Summit County State of Ohio:

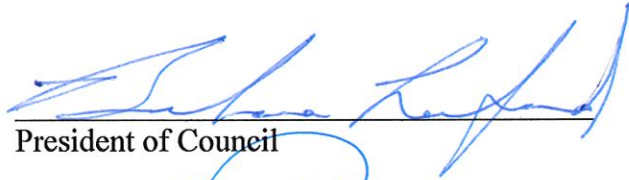
SECTION 1. That this Council does hereby congratulate Tom Couch upon his retirement after 33 years of service to the Village of Richfield and his innumerable contributions to the betterment of the entire community and its citizens.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution be entered upon the records of the Council of the Village of Richfield as evidence of the high regard and affection in which Tom Couch is held and as an expression of appreciation for the contributions he has made to this community during his employment therein.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of this Council be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to present a certified copy of this Resolution to Tom Couch and his family.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 12/2/08

  
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President of Council

  
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Mayor

Dated: 12/2/08

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of Council