

Sarah Whitaker

WHEREAS, the Soap Box Derby is a youth racing program which has run nationally since 1934, and each year since, with the exception of during World War II, youngsters from throughout the United States and several foreign countries have come to Akron, Ohio, with the racers they have built and driven to victory in their home communities; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, July 25, 2009, Sarah Whitaker of Norton, Ohio, competed in the 72nd Annual All-American Soap Box Derby with more than 500 other racers from 41 states and five foreign countries; and

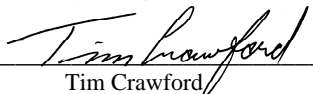
WHEREAS, Sarah Whitaker at the age of 10 won the Stock Car Division in a time of 29.66 seconds and became the 15th World Champion from the Akron/Summit County area in the history of the race; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Whitaker is a fifth grade student at Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts and has been racing in the Soap Box Derby for the past two years, coming from a family of derby racers -- going back to her Great Uncle John Underwood, a champion in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Whitaker has achieved the goals of the Soap Box Derby which teaches youngsters some of the basic skills of workmanship, the spirit of competition and the perseverance to continue a project once it has begun; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all and declared by the Council of the County of Summit, State of Ohio that this Council recognizes the World Championship Sarah Whitaker has attained at the 2009 All-American Soap Box Derby; and with great pleasure we salute and commend her outstanding accomplishment and wish her much success in her future endeavors.

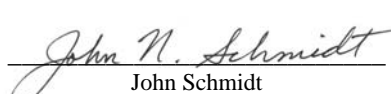
We urge all citizens to join in honoring this fine, upstanding, distinguished and dedicated young lady in receiving this commendation for her success on this 10th day of August in the year 2009.



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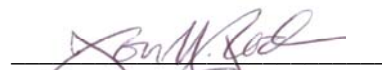
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