

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 24-0642 Honoring the Haney Family for their service to the Denver Police Department

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy declared through presidential proclamation the week of May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Week in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Denver Police Museum has instituted its Legacy Program to honor and recognize multi-generational law enforcement service to our community and has chosen to highlight the Haney Family for Police Week 2024; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Haney Sr., a decorated World War II veteran, married Jane Heeren in 1944 and moved to north Denver where they were active in St. Dominic's Parish, and were blessed with 11 children: Maureen, Thomas Jr., Susan, Katy, Joan, John, James, Mark, Mary, Jackie and Julie; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Haney Jr., the first family member to feel the calling of law enforcement, was sworn in as a Denver police officer in October 1968 and assigned to Denver Police District 2, later being promoted to sergeant in internal affairs, patrol and finally homicide, and in 1986 became a lieutenant in the intelligence bureau, later serving in homicide and assault section, and was promoted by Chief David Michaud to Division Chief of Patrol, before he retired in 1997 with 29 years of service; and

WHEREAS, John Haney started his law enforcement career with the Thornton Police, where he served for nine years, later transferring to the Denver Police Department where he served 22 years, retiring in 2018 with 33 years of service, primarily in District 2 in patrol and investigations, and was also very active in the community, starting a small business and running a strong although unsuccessful campaign for Denver City Council, later passing away on July 3, 2022, survived by his seven children; and

WHEREAS, James Haney joined the Denver Police Department in 1979, with his career going from patrol officer to technician, field training officer and detective, later becoming a sergeant in District 4 and a lieutenant in District 1 and in the Internal Affairs Criminal Investigations Division, before retiring from the Denver Police Department in 2014 after more than 35 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Mark Haney joined the Denver Police Department in 1986, serving in District 1, as District 2 training officer, SWAT technician, and then as a detective in the assault bureau and investigations before retiring in 2018 with 32 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Shea Haney, son of the late John Haney, has served the Adams County Sheriff's Office since 2009, currently as a detective concentrating on property, financial and arson-related crimes, and continuing with the family tradition, Shea's son Shjon Haney starts with the Denver Sheriff's Academy today, May 13; and

WHEREAS, other Haney family members with law enforcement connections include sister Susan Haney, who was married to Denver Police Detective Mark Cossitt who retired in 2004 with 34 years of service and passed away later that year, sister Mary Haney-Bonnell who is director of food service for the Denver Sheriff Department, and John's daughter Shelby Haney-McShane, who was a Denver police dispatcher from 2005 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Haney family has provided distinguished public service to the people of Denver for a total of more than 168 years and counting, and has worked diligently to provide safety for all our residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver acknowledges the outstanding public safety leadership and the many years of service by the Haney family to the people of Denver.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Haney family and the Denver Police Museum.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 13, 2024

PRESIDENT

