

WHEREAS, Orion Jean is an 11-year-old 6th-grade student who attends Alma Martinez Intermediate School in Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, Orion Jean entered Think Kindness' 2020 National Kindness Speech Contest and won for his speech, in which he challenged people to spread kindness and join him on what he called a "Race to Kindness"; and

WHEREAS, Orion Jean used the cash prize he received for winning the speech contest to begin a series of community service initiatives he named the "Race to Kindness"; and

WHEREAS, Orion Jean collected and personally donated more than 600 new toys to pediatric patients at Children's Medical Center of Dallas for his first project, "Race to 500 Toys"; and

WHEREAS, Orion Jean collaborated with nonprofit organization Tango Tab and received assistance from communities across the country and large corporations to feed more than 100,000 people around Thanksgiving 2020, an effort he named "Race to 100,000 Meals"; and

WHEREAS, Orion Jean, in partnership with a variety of nonprofit literacy organizations, received book donations from across the country for his third community service project, "Race to 500,000 Books"; and

WHEREAS, Orion Jean reached his goal of collecting 500,000 books and is currently working to distribute thousands of books to families across the country that lack access to books at home; and

WHEREAS, Orion Jean's book donation efforts have also benefited several literacy organizations, Mansfield Independent School District, Fort Worth Independent School District and Dallas Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, Orion Jean is also a published author; his debut book, "A Kids Book About Leadership," encourages children to discover the power of leadership that resides within themselves and to change the world by leading in small and big ways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Evans, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, join with the members of the Mansfield City Council in applauding Orion Jean for his incredible work to spread kindness, give to those in need and inspire our nation to join his "Race to Kindness." Orion Jean is a phenomenal young man with a bright future, and we look forward to seeing his "Race to Kindness" attract more generous participants. The City of Mansfield is proud to be home to Orion Jean and his family, and is ready and willing to assist with future "Race to Kindness" initiatives.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 24th day of January, 2022.