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TAYLOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONS KERLEY AND JACKSON TO BE HONORED BY CITY OF TAYLOR

*World Champion and 2020 Olympic Hopeful Kerley will Sign Autographs
and Pose for Photos Following the Ceremony*

TAYLOR, Texas – Two Taylor track and field champions will be honored during a ceremony on Saturday, November 9, at Heritage Square. Council member Gerald Anderson will announce a Proclamation honoring All-American athlete Mark Jackson, and Mayor Brandt Rydell will present a key to the City of Taylor to World Champion track and field sprinter Fred Kerley. The ceremony begins at 11 a.m., and Mr. Kerley will stay afterwards to sign autographs and pose for photographs with fans.

Mr. Jackson is a graduate of Taylor High School. He attended the University of Texas and the University of Texas at El Paso, where he garnered national attention for his prowess in track & field events. He earned the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-American distinction in 2013 for the triple jump.

Mr. Kerley is also a graduate of Taylor High School. He attended South Plains College and Texas A&M University, where he excelled at the 400 M event in track and field. Mr. Kerley has won numerous US and international championship events, including the 2019 Diamond League World Championships in 2018. He set his personal best (43.64 seconds) at the 400 M event at the 2019 USA Championships, making him the eighth fastest man in history for that event. Mr. Kerley specializes in the 400 M for Nike, and is expected to do well at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials at the University of Oregon in June, 2020.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday the 9th. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend—the Taylor Main Street Farmers Market will also be in operation that day at Heritage Square from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For any questions, please contact the City of Taylor Communications Department at 512-352-5448.

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