

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

APRIL 2, 2024

To commemorate and recognize the achievements of Rajah Caruth, a motorsports racing driver and native of Washington D.C., on winning his first career NASCAR race.

WHEREAS, Rajah Caruth attended his first race at Richmond Raceway in 2014;

WHEREAS, Rajah Caruth turned 16, he began racing virtually in the eNASCAR Ignite Series where he caught the attention of the NASCAR Drive for Diversity Program;

WHEREAS, Rajah Caruth was a star track and field athlete at School Without Walls High School, where he graduated in 2020;

WHEREAS, Rajah Caruth is currently enrolled at Winston-Salem State University, pursuing a degree in Motorsports Management;

WHEREAS, Rajah Caruth won his first career NASCAR race at the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Victoria's Voice Foundation 200 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on March 01, 2024 in Las Vegas, Nevada;

WHEREAS, Rajah Caruth in 2020 moved up to the NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series, where he won his first career late model race at Greenville-Pickens Speedway;

WHEREAS, Rajah Caruth won a pair of same-day victories at North Carolina's Hickory Motor Speedway in 2021;

WHEREAS, Rajah Caruth on May 1, 2021 won the Tri-County Motor Speedway, becoming the first African-American driver to win there;

WHEREAS, Rajah Caruth earned two top five and five top-10 finishes with a best result of third place at Southern National Motorsports Park in 2021;

WHEREAS, Rajah Caruth while chasing after the ARCA Menards Series title, in 2022, was able to earn 8 top-five finishes and 14 top-10 finishes on his way to finish third place in the points standings;

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WHEREAS, Rajah Caruth in 2023 joined GMS racing to drive the No. 24 Chevrolet Silverado RST on a full-time schedule;

WHEREAS, Rajah Caruth graduated from the NASCAR Drive For Diversity Program in 2023;

WHEREAS, Rajah Caruth became the fourth Driver for Diversity alum to win a NASCAR national series win;

WHEREAS, Rajah Caruth became only the third Black driver to win at NASCAR's national level, joining Hall of Famer Wendell Scott and Bubba Wallace.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Rajah Caruth Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2024".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia acknowledges Rajah Caruth and commends him for his impactful and inspiring contributions as a NASCAR driver;

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.