

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 10, 2018

To recognize and honor the on- and off-ice achievements, unprecedented in the region, of the Gonzaga College High School Ice Hockey Varsity 1 and Varsity 2 teams.

WHEREAS, in the 2016-17 season, in what is known as the most competitive high school hockey league in the region, the Gonzaga Hockey Varsity 1 and Varsity 2 teams became the first to win the Mid Atlantic Prep Hockey League (“MAPHL”) championship in both the A and AA Divisions;

WHEREAS, in the 2017-2018 season, Gonzaga Hockey Varsity 1 and Varsity 2 teams became the first to win back-to-back championships in both the A and AA Divisions of the MAPHL;

WHEREAS, in the 2017-18 season, Gonzaga players Jack Martino, in the A Division, and Cole Vallesse, in the AA Division, were each named the MAPHL Player of the Year;

WHEREAS, Head Coach William “Bill” Slater was named the Washington Post High School All-Met Ice Hockey Coach of the Year;

WHEREAS, the Gonzaga Varsity 1 team was ranked first in the Washington Post High School Hockey Rankings for the entire 2017-18 season;

WHEREAS, in the 2017-18 season, 37 of the 61 players in the Gonzaga Ice Hockey Program received All-Academic Honors, achieving a grade point average of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale;

WHEREAS, in addition to their feats on the ice, Gonzaga Hockey players are committed to their weekly Study Buddy tutorial and study sessions at the Fort Dupont Ice Arena, with students from the Cornerstone Schools and Sousa Middle School;

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WHEREAS, Gonzaga Ice Hockey hosted the 3rd Annual Purple and White Game to raise funds for the Dominik Pettey Scholarship and has raised over \$215,000 to date for deserving students to attend Gonzaga College High School;

WHEREAS, in 2017, Gonzaga Ice Hockey also hosted the 25th Annual National Capital Hockey Tournament at its home ice, the Fort Dupont Ice Arena, bringing teams from Colorado, Illinois, New Jersey, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Montreal, Canada to Ward 6 and Ward 7; and

WHEREAS, Gonzaga Ice Hockey also made a \$1,000 donation to the Global Scholars Foundation, which is headquartered in Ward 6.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Gonzaga College High School Ice Hockey Program Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the Gonzaga College High School Ice Hockey Program for its many achievements on the ice, for raising the profile of hockey in the District of Columbia, for the players’ achievements in the classroom, and for their off-ice commitment to the District of Columbia community as well as the elementary and middle school students around Fort Dupont Ice Arena.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.