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4 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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6 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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8 To recognize the D.C. State Little League Champion Mamie Johnson Little League 12 & Under
9 youth baseball team.

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11 WHEREAS, the Mamie Johnson Little League is a non-profit organization staffed and
12 administered by volunteers that was created in 2015 that provides a positive outlet for nearly 300
13 boys and girls between the ages of 4-14 who play baseball and softball each spring and fall;

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15 WHEREAS, the Mamie Johnson Little League is named after the late District of
16 Columbia resident Mamie "Peanut" Johnson, an American professional baseball player who was
17 one of three women, and the first female pitcher, to play in the Negro Leagues;

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19 WHEREAS, the Mamie Johnson Little League practices at the Jackie Robinson Field at
20 the Washington Nationals Youth Baseball Academy in Ward 7;

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22 WHEREAS, the Mamie Johnson Little League team was the 2015 D.C. State
23 Intermediate Little League Champions;

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25 WHEREAS, the Mamie Johnson Little League 12 & Under youth baseball team won the
26 2017 Little League Urban Initiative New York Metro Jamboree Tournament in the Bronx, New
27 York;

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29 WHEREAS, the Mamie Johnson Little League 12 & Under youth baseball team won
30 three games to become the champions at a July 4th Tournament in Rockville, Maryland from
31 June 29 to July 1, 2018;

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33 WHEREAS, the Mamie Johnson Little League 12 & Under youth baseball team was the
34 runner-up team in the D.C. State Little League Championships in 2017;

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35 WHEREAS, the Mamie Johnson Little League 12 & Under youth baseball team defeated
36 top-seeded and undefeated Cap City Little League team in the semifinals of the 2018 D.C. State
37 Little League Championships tournament by a score of 2-1;
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39 WHEREAS, the Mamie Johnson Little League 12 & Under youth baseball team won the
40 2018 D.C. State Little League Championship by defeating the Capitol Hill Little League team,
41 who had defeated the defending champion Northwest Little League team in the semifinals;
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43 WHEREAS, the Mamie Johnson Little League 12 & Under youth baseball team, as the
44 D.C. State champions, advanced to the Little League Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament August
45 5-11, 2018 at the A. Bartlett Giamatti Little League Leadership Training Center in Bristol,
46 Connecticut, to vie for a chance to advance all the way to the Little League World Series;
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48 WHEREAS, the Mamie Johnson Little League 12 & Under youth baseball team is only
49 the second predominantly African American team to compete in the D.C. State Little League
50 Championship and the first predominantly African American team to win the D.C. State Little
51 League Championship and advance to the Little League Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament in
52 the 31-year history of D.C. Little League;
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54 WHEREAS, the Mamie Johnson Little League 12 & Under youth baseball team roster for
55 2018 includes:

56 Kenyatta Carmichael, Jr. #1
57 Solomon McKinney #3
58 Stephen Showalter #5
59 Dejuan Taylor #6
60 Jibril Scott #7
61 Daniel Marshall #14
62 Ian Makle #22
63 Langston Speed #24
64 Joshua Young #26
65 Rocco Gilbert #33
66 Jayden Brown #40
67 Tony Hairston #42
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69 WHEREAS, the Mamie Johnson Little League coaches are Raphael Lockett, who
70 attended and played baseball at Jackson State University; Keith Barnes, who attended and played
71 baseball at Virginia State University and is the President of Mamie Johnson Little League; and
72 Curtis Banks, who played baseball at Dunbar High School and attended Hampton University;
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75 WHEREAS, the Mamie Johnson Little League endeavors to prepare youth for adulthood,
76 college and career by providing them with a healthy, safe, fun and family oriented environment
77 in which to learn and enjoy the game of baseball and a program that demonstrates the ideals of
78 good sportsmanship, character, teamwork, courage and respect, rooted in the belief that baseball
79 instills the discipline and commitment that youth need to realize their self-worth, athletic
80 potential and educational aspirations.

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IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Mamie Johnson Little League D.C. State Little League Championship Team Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors and congratulates the D.C. State Little League Champion Mamie Johnson Little League 12 & Under youth baseball team, including coaches, family and supporters, for their incredible history-making championship success and for representing the District of Columbia well.

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