

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 8, 2019

To recognize DeMarcco Hellams for his academic success and many athletic accomplishments and honors.

WHEREAS, DeMarcco Hellams is a native Washingtonian and Ward 7 resident who attended District of Columbia public and public charter schools and is currently a senior honor roll student at DeMatha Catholic High School, where he has gained a keen interest in British Literature and Latin;

WHEREAS, DeMarcco Hellams learned the fundamentals of football at 5 years of age from his father DeLante Hellams, Sr. and his uncle Eric Hellams, and began his football journey with Watkins Hornets Youth Football and the Pop Warner Organization;

WHEREAS, DeMarcco Hellams is a member and 2018 season captain of the nationally ranked Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (“WCAC”) DeMatha Stags varsity football program, for which he played as a freshman wide receiver and received 2 championship rings, in both the 2016 and 2017 seasons;

WHEREAS, DeMarcco Hellams has prodigious talent playing both offensive and defensive positions that has earned him awards such as being named to the first class of the 2018 Pro Football Hall of Fame Academy for High School, participant in the 2019 Polynesian All-American Bowl in Hawaii, 2018 Nike Opening Finalist, 1st Team WCAC 2018 Defense, 1st Team MaxPreps All American 2018 Defense, 1st Team All-USA Football Defense 2018, 2017 WCAC All Conference 1st Team (Offense-Wide Receiver) and 2016 WCAC All Conference 2nd Team (Defense-Defensive Back), and Washington Post Player of the Year 2018 (Offense);

WHEREAS, DeMarcco Hellams received over 20 offers from National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I schools and has committed to continue his educational and athletic career at The University of Alabama;

WHEREAS, DeMarcco Hellams enjoys spending his time with family and friends and visiting and encouraging sick children at hospitals locally and nationally, and plans to continue this tradition for years to come;

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WHEREAS, DeMarcco Hellams exerts a positive influence on younger student athletes, sharing with them the hard work, consistency, and perseverance that are the keys to his success and encouraging them to stay patient and keep the faith; and

WHEREAS, DeMarcco Hellams hopes to channel his football passion into a successful professional career in the National Football League.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “DeMarcco Hellams Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and congratulates DeMarcco Hellams for his exceptional achievements as a student, athlete, and citizen.

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