

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 25, 2019

To honor and recognize the Woodrow Wilson High School Crew team for winning their first ever Scholastic Rowing Association of America national championship.

WHEREAS, Wilson High School Crew was founded in 1985 and is the oldest high school rowing program in the District of Columbia and remains the only public-school rowing program in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Wilson High School's Crew team consists of over 100 student-athletes that make up their Varsity Boys, Varsity Girls, Freshman Boys and Freshman Girls teams;

WHEREAS, Wilson High School's Crew program runs Learn to Row programs for District of Columbia Public School middle school students;

WHEREAS, Wilson High School Crew is part of the Washington Metropolitan Interscholastic Rowing Association and compete annually at the Stotesbury Cup Regatta and Scholastic Rowing Association of America nationals;

WHEREAS, The 2019 Scholastic Rowing Association of America nationals were held on May 24th and May 25th at Dillon Lake in Nashport, Ohio;

WHEREAS, Wilson High School Crew's Varsity boys took 1st place in the 8-boat race at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America nationals;

WHEREAS, the members of the team included senior Coxswain Natalia Facchinato-Sitja, senior 8-seat Dean Gwadz, senior 7-seat Rory Hagerty, junior 6-seat Michal Horan, senior 5-seat Sebastian Murrell, senior 4-seat Ethan Klein, senior 3-seat Ian Conway, sophomore 2-seat Emmett Patterson, and junior 1-seat Nicholas Antrim;

WHEREAS, Wilson High School Crew's varsity boys' team was led by Head Coach Joseph McMullin, Assistant Coach Keith Casscells-Hamby, and Director of Rowing Chris Rickard;

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WHEREAS, Wilson High School Crew's national championship marks the first time a District of Columbia Public School program has won the rowing national championship; and

WHEREAS, Wilson High School Crew's varsity boys team and program as a whole have done an exemplary job of representing the District of Columbia and we are all proud of them for their remarkable accomplishment.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Woodrow Wilson High School Crew 2019 National Championship Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council honors the student-athletes and coaches of the Wilson High School Crew team for their landmark national championship and looks forward to seeing what both the program and student-athletes accomplish in the future.

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