

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-155

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 17, 2019

To recognize Jesse Webb III, the 2019 winner of the District of Columbia Scholastic Citywide K to 8th grade Championship Chess Tournament.

WHEREAS, Jesse Webb III is a ten-year-old and 6th grader at Capitol Hill Learning Group, where his classmates admiringly call him Chess“e” Jesse, who has been raised and currently lives in Ward 7;

WHEREAS, Jesse Webb III’s chess journey really began as a toddler when he started doing jigsaw puzzles around a year old and by two and a half years old, was putting together 100-piece puzzles with ease;

WHEREAS, Jesse Webb III began playing chess when he was almost six years old with his dad, Jesse Webb Jr., quickly absorbing even the more complex strategies and, within a short time, beating his father at chess;

WHEREAS, Jesse Webb III, a voracious reader, devoured adult chess books his father got for him and fell in love with chess, teaching himself as much as he could from chess books for over a year until he met his chess coach, National Master David Bennett, who has consistently encouraged Jesse and taught him the most valuable lessons that chess offers and how they apply to life;

WHEREAS, Jesse Webb III, at nine years of age, entered into the Top 100 rated chess players nationally for his age;

WHEREAS, Jesse Webb III, at ten years old, won the D.C. State Championship in the K to 8th Grade category;

WHEREAS, Jesse Webb III represented the District of Columbia in Orlando, Florida at the 2019 Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, a four-day tournament where invited

winner of the U.S. Chess State Affiliate championships compete for the title of 2019 Barber Champion of Champions;

WHEREAS, Jesse Webb III appreciates how chess brings many different types of people together from all over the world, and the many important lessons chess has taught him such as focus, preparation, learning from failure, and discipline;

WHEREAS, Jesse Webb III is extremely grateful for the many opportunities he has been given in his life and all who have supported him, cheered him on, and invested in him along the way, including all those who have donated to make the trip to Orlando for the 2019 Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions possible;

WHEREAS, Jesse Webb III teaches occasionally during his school's chess club, participates in church activities, plays baseball with his dad and brother, plays classical piano, and enjoys all things academic, especially writing, literature, and history, as well as helping others however he can; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Webb III hopes to one day to make a positive impact in our world and encourage others the way he has been encouraged.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Jesse Webb III Recognition Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and congratulates Jesse Webb III for winning the District of Columbia Scholastic Cup Chess Tournament, qualifying for and attending the Dewain Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, and for his exceptional achievements as a chess player, student and citizen.

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