

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 22, 2019

To recognize and honor the Washington Mystics on their winning season which includes their first WNBA championship in franchise history.

WHEREAS, the Washington Mystics compiled the WNBA's best regular season record in 2019, with 26 wins and just 8 losses, and in doing so winning the Eastern Conference;

WHEREAS, the Washington Mystics are coached by Mike Thibault who is the league's winningest coach in history, and in his 14<sup>th</sup> season as a WNBA coach, has his first championship;

WHEREAS, the Washington Mystics have qualified for the WNBA Playoffs in 10 of its 20 seasons of existence;

WHEREAS, the Washington Mystics current roster includes, Ariel Atkins, Natasha Cloud, Elena Delle Donne, Tianna Hawkins, Myisha Hines-Allen, Kiara Leslie, Emma Meesseman, Kim Mestdagh, Aerial Powers, LaToya Sanders, Kristi Toliver, and Shatori Walker-Kimbrough;

WHEREAS, the Washington Mystics were led by WNBA MVP Elena Delle Donne, who this season became the first player in WNBA history to record a 50/40/90 season, meaning at least 50 percent shooting from the field, at least 40 percent shooting from the 3-point line, and 90 percent shooting free-throws;

WHEREAS, the Washington Mystics players have used their platform to speak out on issues of social importance such as gun violence, equal pay, LGBTQ equality, and denouncing racism;

WHEREAS, the Washington Mystics had a historic offensive regular season, breaking WNBA single-season records for points per possession (PPP), assists, assist/turnover ratio, effective field goal percentage, 3-point field goals in a season, and free throw percentage;

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WHEREAS, demonstrating a true team effort, the Finals MVP was awarded to Emma Meesseman, the first time a reserve player has been so honored; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2019 before a packed arena, the Washington Mystics became the 2019 WNBA champions.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Washington Mystics and their contribution to sports and to the District of Columbia providing hope for a rich basketball future in the District and declares October 10, 2019 as “Washington Mystics Day in the District of Columbia.”

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