

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-191

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 5, 2019

To recognize Curtis Lawrence, III for his academic achievement of being dually enrolled at School Without Walls High School and beginning college at George Washington University at age 14.

WHEREAS, Curtis K. D. Lawrence, III is a District resident in Ward 5;

WHEREAS, Curtis is dually enrolled at School Without Walls High School with a 4.04 GPA and at George Washington University as a college freshman at 14 years old, an age when most students begin high school;

WHEREAS, Curtis's accelerated education plan began as a young child, when he was able to read and do basic math before beginning pre-school and continued as his teachers recognized his inquisitive nature and gifted ability to learn quickly and encouraged him to test into higher grades than anticipated;

WHEREAS, Curtis took the SATs at age 10;

WHEREAS, Curtis is currently in his freshman year of college at George Washington University and is the youngest student in their traditional undergraduate program;

WHEREAS, Curtis intends to double major in environmental or marine biology and in computer science;

WHEREAS, Curtis's career aspirations include becoming a paleontologist and computer programmer, and he is continuing his efforts to learn Mandarin to further support his career;

WHEREAS, Curtis was an active student at the School Without Walls High School, serving as Vice President of the African Culture Club, and is a member of the STEAM Club, Programming Club, Film Club, and the Learn Serve Program;

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WHEREAS, Curtis is the Founding President of the DMV National Society of Black Engineers, Jr. Chapter at Howard University, an organization through which Curtis has successfully competed nationally in robotics and math competitions;

WHEREAS, Curtis, through his involvement with the National Society of Black Engineers chapters at George Washington and Howard Universities, is planning a District-wide robotics tournament on February 8th and an environmental engineering challenge on April 25th at Howard University;

WHEREAS, Curtis volunteers his time to expose underrepresented students to engineering and STEM with the goal of helping more DCPS elementary and middle schools start their own robotics teams;

WHEREAS, in his spare time, Curtis enjoys drawing paleo-illustrations, playing piano, and practicing capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian martial art;

WHEREAS, recognizing Curtis's achievements would be incomplete without also recognizing his support system including his parents, Malene Lawrence and Curtis Lawrence Jr., Curtis's younger brother, Corey Lawrence, and Curtis's grandparents, Curtis and Josephine Lawrence Sr., and Gloria Giles.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Curtis Lawrence, III Academic Achievement Recognition Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates the scholastic achievement of Curtis Lawrence, III and his family and wishes him well in college and future endeavors.

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