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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-205

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 19, 2019

To recognize, honor and congratulate the Washington Nationals on their incredible run of a successful winning season culminating as 2019 World Series champions.

WHEREAS, The Washington Nationals overcame numerous “weren’t suppose to’s” on the road to becoming baseball’s 2019 World Series champions;

WHEREAS, The Washington Nationals weren’t supposed to beat their playoff opponents. They weren’t supposed to be taking part in the postseason after their awful start of 19-31;

WHEREAS, The Nationals beat the Milwaukee Brewers in the one game Wild Card round to advance to the NLDS to face the Los Angeles Dodgers where they won the division in a best of 5 games series, 3-2;

WHEREAS, The Nationals advanced to the NLCS where they swept the St. Louis Cardinals, becoming the National League Champions, headed to the World Series;

WHEREAS, The Nationals started the best of 7 series with a 2-0 start, winning both games in Houston;

WHEREAS, The Nationals were determined to stay in the fight after a 3 game loss at home, came back to win game 6 in Houston;

WHEREAS, we know Trea Turner was actually safe on first base at the top of the 7th inning in game 6. Anthony Rendon answered the umpire’s controversial call with a two-run home run to put the Nationals in the lead;

WHEREAS, The Nationals rallied in the 7th inning of Game 7 with history changing home runs from Anthony Rendon and Howie Kendrick giving the team a 3-2 lead;

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WHEREAS, The Washington Nationals' dismissed the hypothetical and has emphatically earned the first World Series title in franchise history and the first title for D.C. baseball since 1924, almost a century ago;

WHEREAS, The Washington Nationals continue a long tradition of baseball in the District of Columbia, which includes the Homestead Grays, who fielded baseball Hall of Fame members Josh Gibson, Ray Brown, and Buck Leonard, and were winners of the Negro League World Series in 1943, 1944, and 1948, in addition to winning the Negro National League Pennant 10 times;

WHEREAS, Strasburg pitched flawlessly throughout the playoffs with a record 5-0 wins, pitching 8 1/3 innings in a must win Game 6 in the World Series. His record for the playoffs was 47 strikeouts against just 4 walks, and he was named the 2019 World Series MVP;

WHEREAS, Nationals Park had record sell-out crowd and watch parties for all 7 games of the World Series;

WHEREAS, The Washington National's manager, Dave Martinez, has been described as "special", bridging the gap between the old familiar Nationals and the slowly remolded roster built around newer, younger stars. Indeed, he has done just that.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Washington Nationals World Series Champions Recognition Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes the Washington Nationals for their dedication, passion and persevering spirit in advancing sporting excellence in Washington, D.C., and elevating our city to prominence in professional baseball.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia declares October 30, 2019 as "Washington Nationals Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.