

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 4, 2020

To recognize and congratulate Coach Desmond Dunham as 2019 National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Coaches Association.

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham recently concluded a five-year period as the Head Coach of Woodrow Wilson Senior High School Track team in Washington D.C.;

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2020, the National Federation of State High School Associations recognized Coach Desmond Dunham as it's 2019 National Coach of the Year;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham helped his teams to capture: ten Boy's and Girl's DCIAA City Cross Country Championships, eight Boy's and Girl's DCIAA Indoor City Track & Field Championships, seven Boy's and Girl's DCIAA Outdoor City Track & Field Championships, two Girl's DCSAA Indoor State Girl's Championships, two Girl's DCSAA Outdoor State Championships, one Boy's DCSAA Outdoor State Championships, and two DCSAA State Record's;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham has been a teacher and community leader in the District of Columbia for more than two decades and was also recognized as the 2016 Woodrow Wilson Teacher of the Year;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham is widely recognized as a local youth sports expert;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham is the Founder and Executive Director for Kids Elite Sports, Inc., managing the strategic direction and exponential growth of the non-profit;

WHEREAS, Kids Elite Sports, Inc., under Coach Desmond Dunham's leadership provides high-quality developmental sports, fitness, and enrichment programs to empower children to live healthy and active lifestyles;

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WHEREAS, in 2007, Coach Desmond Dunham made United States history at the Penn Relays by winning two championship titles in the same meet—the high school girls 4x400 and the 4x800;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham helped Eleanor Roosevelt High School capture three Maryland high school girls' cross-country team championships, qualified two teams to the Nike Team Nationals, and led the boys' track team to the Maryland Boys' State Championship title in 2012;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham was presented with the Brooks Inspiring Coaches National Award (in 2014) for his impact on amateur athletes for having coached 17 indoor and outdoor national girl's relay championships ranging from the 4 x 200 to the distance medley relay;

WHEREAS, from 2008-2012, Coach Desmond Dunham joined the coaching staff at the University of Maryland as the head cross country coach and distance coach for track and field;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham graduated from Howard University in 1995 and received a Masters from Trinity College in teaching secondary science;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham resides in Washington, D.C. with his wife Jami and two children, Niles, 15 and Nia, 13.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Coach Desmond Dunham 2019 National Coach of the Year Recognition Resolution of 2020.”

Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.