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**A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION**

23-258

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

March 3, 2020

To celebrate and congratulate the Theodore Roosevelt High School boys basketball team on their championship win against rival, Woodrow Wilson High School.

WHEREAS, on February 16, 2020, the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders boys basketball team defeated the Woodrow Wilson Tigers 66-63 in the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association (DCIAA);

WHEREAS, for the last three consecutive years, the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders have made it to the DCIAA boys' basketball championship game, only to fall to the Woodrow Wilson Tigers each year;

WHEREAS, this is the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders' first DCIAA title since 2014;

WHEREAS, at the start of the championship game, the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders were ranked number 6, while the Woodrow Wilson Tigers were ranked number 12;

WHEREAS, the Washington Post has quoted the now-champions as "a team to beat in the D.C. State Athletic Association playoffs";

WHEREAS, the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders came back from a six-point deficit with 3 and half minutes remaining to tie the score at 60 points;

WHEREAS, guard Philip Flegler finished a layup with 36 seconds remaining that provided the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders the lead;

WHEREAS, the Woodrow Wilson Tigers missed a would-be game-tying three-pointer in the final seconds, securing the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders' win;

WHEREAS, forward James Pitts scored a game-high 19 points and successfully made 11-of-12 free-throws;

WHEREAS, Pitts shared that he keeps his cool by engaging in 150 free throws a day;

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WHEREAS, the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders are comprised of 15 players and 8 coaches, including head Coach Rob Nickens who tells his players to “play every game like it’s your last;” and

WHEREAS, Coach Nickens and the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders will now set the team's aim on the DCSAA states.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders Congratulatory Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders on their Championship win over the Woodrow Wilson Tigers.

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