

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 21, 2021

To recognize and honor the Archbishop Carroll High School football team and congratulate the student-athletes on their win at the DC State Athletic Association championship, record breaking season, and many academic accomplishments.

WHEREAS, Archbishop Carroll High School is a private college preparatory school in Washington, DC that welcomes young people and empowers them in an academically rigorous, diverse, and supportive learning environment;

WHEREAS, Archbishop Carroll High School supports student-athletes on and off the field to be successful in all that they do;

WHEREAS, the Archbishop Carroll High School varsity football team plays in the DC State Athletic Association (DCSAA) Class AA Division;

WHEREAS, Coach Robert Harris, a 1991 graduate of Archbishop Carroll, returned to the school 6 years ago to reinvigorate the Lions and led the team all the way to the championship;

WHEREAS, the Lions regularly appeared in the Washington Post's Football Top 20 throughout the 2021 season, an outcome of the team's consistent efforts and confirmation of their division dominance;

WHEREAS, the Archbishop Carroll Lions entered the championship with a stunning undefeated regular season, a feat the school had not achieved in decades;

WHEREAS, Archbishop Carroll faced Theodore Roosevelt High School on December 4, 2021 at the DC State Athletic Association AA State Championship, and despite falling behind in the first half of the game, came back to win 35-27 in overtime by capitalizing on their celebrated running game;

WHEREAS, by the end of the season, with 13 wins, the Archbishop Carroll Lions earned the distinction of the team with most wins in the school's history;

WHEREAS, Coach Robert Harris was named Metro Division Coach of the Year by the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (WCAC);

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WHEREAS, the Archbishop Carroll Lions earned a team grade point average of 3.2, had six national honor society inductees, and 35 players to earn DCSAA Honor Roll certificates;

WHEREAS, the Archbishop Carroll Lions completed more than 400 hours of community service; and

WHEREAS, the Archbishop Carroll Lions had 21 players earn all-conference honors, 2 players earn WCAC Co-Defensive Player of the Year, 1 player earn Co-Offensive Player of the Year, and 1 player earn Gatorade Player of the Year.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Archbishop Carroll High School Football Team Recognition Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the accomplishments of the Archbishop Carroll football team and congratulates the Lions on their victory.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.