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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

24-245

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 20, 2022

To recognize and honor Howard University on the occasion of its 2022 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Softball Championship and for qualifying for the NCAA Division 1 Softball Regionals representing the MEAC as a Historically Black University.

WHEREAS, Howard was the number-two seed in the Conference and defeated the number-one seed in the championship game. The Lady Bison took home the 2022 MEAC Softball Championship trophy after defeating Morgan State for a second time on Saturday, May 14, 2022;

WHEREAS, the team finished with a 31-24 season overall record and a winning percentage of .564; Conf 17-4; PCT .810;

WHEREAS, the championship was Howard's second MEAC title and first title since 2007;

WHEREAS, Analise De La Roca, the tournament's Outstanding Performer, dominated in the pitcher's circle to get the Bison the championship trophy. She tossed two complete games to improve to 15-7 on the season;

WHEREAS, Howard Head Coach Tori Tyson was named Outstanding Coach;

WHEREAS, the Howard's Softball 2022 Roster: Alyssa Watson OF, Fr. Eastvale, CA Eastvale H.S., Jade Greene IF, Fr. Upper Marlboro, MD Bishop McNamara H.S., Raye Thomas P Jr. R Washington, D.C. St. John's College HS, Cheyenne Scott C/INF, Fr. Clover, S.C. Clover H.S., Xzarria Simmons 1B/OF Sr. Escondido, CA Escondido High School, Sidney Fletcher IF Fr. Whittier, CA. La Serna H.S, Natalie Davila 3B/1B Jr.Carson, CA Carson H.S. Lealani Ricks IF Fr. Madera, CA Madera H.S. Analise De La Roca RHP Gr. San Pedro, CA New Mexico St., Alyssa Vasquez C/IF Fr.Downey, CA Warren H.S., Shayna Swanson OF Sr. Sammamish, WA Skyline High School. Morgan Thornton RHP Fr. Manassas, VA Charles Colgan H.S. Camille Navarro C/UTL Sr. R Los Angeles, CA Marlborough School, Madison Harris IF Fr. Slidell, LA Northshore H.S. 18 Ari Whatley OF/1B So. Chattanooga, TN Tennessee Girls Preparatory School, Kalita Dennis INF Sr. R Elk Grove, CA Cosumnes Oaks High School, Mia Gonzales LHP Fr. Atwater, CA, Shalon McNeal OF Fr. Lima, OH Lima Shawnee H.S., Maxie Harrington UTL Sr. R Vacaville, CA Vacaville Christian High School, Sydney Hixenbaugh P Sr. R, Millstone, N.J.

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Drexel University, Ayana Sallee OF Sr. R Chesapeake, VA Deep Creek High School, Tracy Mosley, P Sr. R, Jonesboro, GA Mundy's Mill High School, Luz Aguila-socho C/INF Jr. R Grand Terrace, CA Grand Terrace H.S., Payton Quinonez OF Fr. Tulare, CA Mission Oak H.S., Victoria Brown UTL Fr. Carson, CA Juniperro Serra H.S., Sydni, Jones OF So. Whittier, CA Gahr High School, with Softball Coaching Staff Tori Tyson, Head Softball Coach, Taylor White Assistant Coach;

WHEREAS, Howard University Softball was 1 of 4 women's teams and 5 teams at Howard to win MEAC 2022 Championships: Women's Softball, Women's Volleyball, Women's Track and Field, Women's Basketball, and Women's Golf won their respective MEAC championships;

WHEREAS, Howard University Softball is an outstanding community partner playing its home games at the Washington Nationals Youth Academy and providing mentorship camps and clinics to Washington Nationals Youth Academy participants, DC Grays RBI, DC Elite softball, Banneker City Little League, and Mamie Johnson Little League in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, Howard University Softball and Coach Victoria Tyson are advocates of the softball community with a record that clearly demonstrates their involvement in the Washington DC community and coach Victoria Tyson and Howard University are advocates for Title IV and Historically Black Colleges (HBCU'S) girls and women who are student athletes; and

WHEREAS, Coach Victoria Tyson and Howard University Softball demonstrate a commitment to community service and concern for the common good and welfare for people.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Howard University Softball 2022 MEAC Champion Recognition Resolution of 2022."

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Howard University Softball for winning the MEAC championship and their contributions to youth sports in Washington, D.C.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.