

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 4, 2022

To recognize and honor District students who accepted appointments to attend a service academy in 2022.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Service Academies are 5 of the most selective and prestigious institutions in the country, with each requiring a nomination from a Member of Congress and admitting between 9% and 16% of applicants;

WHEREAS, U.S. Service Academies have produced 3 U.S. presidents, more than 50 members of Congress, more than 100 astronauts, and more than 180 Rhodes Scholars;

WHEREAS, in 2022, Congresswoman Norton nominated 11 District residents to the U.S. Service Academies—6 of whom accepted Offers of Appointment;

WHEREAS, Gabriella Gastaldo, of Ward 6 and School Without Walls High School, will attend the U.S. Naval Academy;

WHEREAS, Samson Gedib, of Ward 7 and Benjamin Banneker Academic High School, will attend the U.S. Naval Academy Prep School;

WHEREAS, Campbell Holliday, of Ward 3 and Saint Albans School, will attend the U.S. Naval Academy;

WHEREAS, Caroline Rey, of Ward 8 and Jackson-Reed High School, will attend the U.S. Naval Academy;

WHEREAS, Jason Rupli, of Ward 3 and Jackson-Reed High School, will attend the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy; and

WHEREAS, Saddique Stephens, of Ward 8 and DeMatha Catholic High School and the U.S. Naval Academy Prep School, will attend the U.S. Naval Academy;

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution be cited as the “2022 Service Academy Appointment Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. The Council congratulates all of the students who earned appointments this year and wishes them good luck as they begin a career of service.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.