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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 2, 2023

To recognize, honor, and congratulate the MTHS Firebird Robotics team at McKinley Technology High School on their first place win at the *FIRST* Chesapeake regional robotics competition in Blacksburg, VA.

WHEREAS, McKinley Tech School is located alongside T Street Northeast in Ward 5, offers NAF Academies in Engineering, Biotechnology, and Information Technology, and is a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School Award Winner;

WHEREAS, the *FIRST* Chesapeake District Blacksburg, VA Event was held at Blacksburg High School on March 4-5, 2023;

WHEREAS, the *FIRST* Robotics Competition Challenge is recognized as the premier international high school engineering challenge;

WHEREAS, in this year's 2023 CHARGED UPSM challenge, teams explored the potential of energy storage to charge up communities, and remote controlled robots created sustainability links to engage with nearby power stations;

WHEREAS, more than 110 teams in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia competed in matches to earn spots in the championship;

WHEREAS, the McKinley Robotics team was formed in 2006 and has been awarded the Judges Award in 2015 and 2020;

WHEREAS, the McKinley Robotics team is led by Director of Engineering Kenneth Lesley;

WHEREAS, McKinley Tech's Firebird Robotics Coach Kenneth Lesley was assisted by dedicated school staff school counselor Fayola Welsh, and coaches Christopher Grimm and Ruben Stemple;

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WHEREAS, the McKinley Tech Firebird Robotics winning team members include:

London Beatty
Tayen Broemser
Daxxon Duncan
Esem Esaw
Jude Fogwe
Fikreab Haileselassie
Loron Hill
Langston Hughes
Jaelynn Jackson
Electra Larson
Ignacio Martinez
Sean Mullins
Haneefah Persaud
Nina Pierra
Justin Scofield
Cole Smith
Da'Mar Taylor
Kyrsten Walker
Gregory Williams

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “McKinley Tech High School Firebirds Robotics Team Regional Championship Recognition Resolution of 2023.”

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the McKinley Tech High School Firebirds Robotics Team for winning the regional *FIRST* Chesapeake robotics competition.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.