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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 7, 2023

To recognize and congratulate Coach Desmond Dunham for being named the 2022 National Coach of the Year by the US Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association.

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham is an author and youth sports expert with over 2 decades of coaching and teaching experience;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham has successfully coached youth athletes and teams in cross-country, track & field, basketball, soccer, baseball, and flag football;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham has captured 19 indoor and outdoor national relay championship titles from the 4 x 200m relay to the distance medley relay and snagged a national runner-up finish in the 4 x 1600m relay;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham joined the St. John's College High School staff in 2017 as the Director and Head Coach of track & field and cross-country and has claimed a total of 24 track & field and cross-country championships for the Cadets in his 5-year tenure;

WHEREAS, prior to joining St. John's College High School, Coach Desmond Dunham coached at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Wilson High School (now Jackson-Reed High School), and the University of Maryland;

WHEREAS, in 2019, Coach Desmond Dunham was named the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Girls National Coach of the Year and was selected as an Under Armour Coach Ambassador;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham has been nominated as a Brooks Inspiring Coach and The Washington Post All-Met Coach of the Year;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham was named 2022 National Coach of the Year by the US Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association;

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WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham is one of the most decorated high school coaches in the country and boasts national All-Americans, national championships, and international titles from the short sprints up to the distance events, including cross country;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham is the author of *Running Against The Odds* and the founder of Kids Elite Sports, LLC which provides high quality developmental sports, fitness, and enrichment camps and programs that empower children to live healthy and active lifestyles;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Physiology from Howard University and a Master's in Education (Secondary Science) from Trinity University;

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham has been a teacher and community leader in the District of Columbia for more than 2 decades; and

WHEREAS, Coach Desmond Dunham resides in Washington, DC with his wife Jami and their two children, Niles and Nia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Coach Desmond Dunham 2022 National Coach of the Year Recognition Resolution of 2023".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and congratulates Coach Desmond Dunham for being named the 2022 National Coach of the Year by the US Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.