

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2023

To recognize and congratulate the Saint John's College Boys' Basketball team for winning the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference Boys' Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, St. John's College High School, established in 1851 is the second-oldest Christian Brothers school in the United States;

WHEREAS, St. John's College High School, located in northwest Washington, D.C., remains a bastion of academic excellence, with 100% of St. John's graduates accepted into 4-year colleges or universities;

WHEREAS, St. John's succeeds in preparing young people for a life dedicated to leadership, achievement, and service to the community;

WHEREAS, the philanthropic efforts of St. John's include 25,000 hours of annual student Christian service;

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2023, the St. John's College High School Boys' Varsity Basketball team, led by Head Coach Patrick Behan and Coach Patrick O'Connor, defeated Paul VI by a score of 65-63 to win the 2023 Washington Catholic Athletic Conference ("WCAC") championship;

WHEREAS, the Ward 4 community is proud of the achievements of the St. John's Boys' Basketball team;

WHEREAS, the St. John's College High School Varsity Boys' Basketball team roster for the 2022-2023 season includes:

Jonathan Barton  
Timothy Barton  
Finley Billy  
Zyion Chase  
Jeremy Clark  
Daquan Davis  
Donovan Freeman

**ENROLLED ORIGINAL**

Malik Mack  
Atosh Newman  
Marano Tanedo  
Devin Toatley  
Raymond Watts

WHEREAS, the St. John’s College High School Varsity Boys’ Basketball team has triumphed and excelled on the court and in the classroom;

WHEREAS, Coach Behan was named WCAC Coach of the Year;

WHEREAS, in May 2022, Coach Behan was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, a neurodegenerative disease that affects muscle control in the body;

WHEREAS, ALS occurs throughout the world with no racial, ethnic, gender, or socioeconomic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, despite Coach Behan’s diagnosis, he made the courageous decision to remain the head coach and continues to provide inspiration to all.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “St. John’s College High School Boys’ Varsity Basketball Team Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia heartily congratulates Head Coach Patrick Behan and Coach Patrick O’Connor for their coaching excellence and the players of the St. John’s College High School Boys’ Varsity Basketball Team for their athletic accomplishment.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.