

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 191

Approved April 9, 2012

WHEREAS, Competitive academic debate is a popular after school activity designed to improve young people's public speaking, critical thinking, and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, High school debaters conduct research on and argue topics ranging from international relations to U.S. domestic policy, from climate science to education reform, and from legal theory to existentialist philosophy ; and

WHEREAS, Each year, hundreds of thousands of high school students across the country take part in debate tournaments and competitions; and

WHEREAS, Prior to 1999, only one Providence public high school had a debate team; and

WHEREAS, Today, every Providence public high school has an active debate team competing in the Rhode Island Urban Debate League; and

WHEREAS, The National Association for Urban Debate Leagues (NAUDL) hosts an annual National Championship Tournament for the top high school debaters in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Qualifying for the National Championship Tournament is an incredibly prestigious accomplishment, with only about 150 debaters invited nationwide; and

WHEREAS, This year, four high school debaters from Rhode Island qualified for National Championships, including Walker Mayer and Rachel Mernoff from Classical High School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby congratulate Walker Mayer and Rachel Mernoff for qualifying for the NAUDL National Championship Tournament and wishes them the best of luck in their quest for a national title; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. Mayer, Ms. Walker, and to Classical's principal, Mr. Scott Barr.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED



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CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor

Date: 4/9/12