



breaststroke, which is also a National Independent Schools record. The Harpeth Hall Bearacudas were named the Girls' High School National Champions by Swimming World Magazine in 2018 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, Walsh also excelled in international competition during high school, earning a silver medal in the 400-freestyle relay and 400-medley relay at the FINA World Junior Championships in 2017, placing first in the 200-meter individual relay and 400-freestyle relay at the 2018 Junior Pan Pacific Swimming Championships, and in earning three gold medals in the 2019 Pan American Games; and

WHEREAS, Alex was the #2 collegiate swimming recruit in the Class of 2020 and currently swims for the University of Virginia Cavaliers coached by Todd DeSorbo. As a freshman in 2021, she won both the NCAA 200 individual medley title and anchored the Cavaliers' 800 freestyle winning relay team, which helped UVA win its first NCAA team championship in the history of the program; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2021, out of 1,425 swimmers qualified to race in the Olympic Trials in Omaha, Nebraska, Alex was one of only 53 swimmers to secure a place on the USA Olympic Team. She was one of 35 first time Olympic swimmers, one of 28 women and one of eleven teenagers swimming for the USA in Tokyo; and

WHEREAS, Walsh advanced through Olympic preliminary and semi-final races in the 200 Individual Medley (IM), and on July 27, 2021, Walsh swam a strong and thrilling final race earning second place in the women's 200-meter individual medley and a silver medal with a personal best time of 2:08:65, just 13 hundredths of a second behind Japanese gold medalist Yui Ohashi; and

WHEREAS, with Alex's UVA teammate Kate Douglass winning bronze, the young women were able to celebrate together, the first time the USA had earned two medals in the 200 IM race since the Olympic games in 1984 when fellow Harpeth Hall alumna Tracy Caulkins was the 200 IM gold medalist; and

WHEREAS, Alex Walsh is the fourth Harpeth Hall alumna to compete in the Olympic Games joining runner Margaret Groos Sloan ('77), Tracy Caulkins Stockwell ('81), and equestrian Linden Wiesman Ryan ('93); and

WHEREAS, Alex represented Harpeth Hall, NAC, the City of Nashville, the State of Tennessee, and the United States of America with distinction and is a role model to young swimmers and athletes of all ages, especially those from Nashville; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognize Alex Walsh for her years of diligent work and determination, congratulate her on her achievement at the 2020/2021 Olympics, and wish her continued success in her swimming career.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing the many achievements of Alex Walsh and further congratulates her on winning a silver medal at the 2020/2021 Olympics in Tokyo.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Council Office is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution to be presented to Alex Walsh.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.