

recruitment efforts, including landing 18-year-old freshman Zya Coleman of Atlanta, Georgia, a life-long gymnast; and Morgan Price of Lebanon, Tennessee, a 16-year-old 5-Star gymnast who decommitted from the University of Arkansas to attend Fisk University; and

WHEREAS, the season starts in January and the Fisk University Bulldogs expect to compete against other collegiate teams this season from across the country, including teams from George Washington University, Towson University, and the University of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, in the past, Black gymnasts have been forced to make a tough decision between attending an HBCU institution or pursuing a passion for gymnastics. Now, lifelong gymnasts are able to participate in the best of both worlds. Fisk University is currently on a mission to raise \$2 million in funding to build an on-campus gymnastics training facility; and

WHEREAS, women's gymnastics exemplifies the values of Fisk University: determination, excellence, and a commitment to a more just and equitable future. These values have consistently been at the forefront of women's gymnastics and the Metro Council is excited to welcome these remarkable student-athletes to Fisk and the city of Nashville starting in the fall of 2022; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognizes and congratulates Fisk University as they launch the first-ever HBCU Intercollegiate Women's Artistic Gymnastics Team.

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 Fisk University's launch of the first-ever Intercollegiate Women's Artistic Gymnastics Team at a Historically Black College or University.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Council Office is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution to be presented to Fisk University President Vann Newkirk, Sr.; Fisk University Athletic Director and Head Gymnastics Coach Corrinne Tarver; and to the members of the first-ever HBCU Intercollegiate Women's Artistic Gymnastics Team.

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.