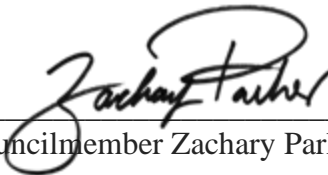






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14 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION  
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18 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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22 To honor and recognize the American University men’s basketball team on their 2024-2025  
23 season in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (“the NCAA”) and the Patriot League.  
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25 WHEREAS, the American University men’s basketball team experienced a resurgence to  
26 the top of the Patriot League, finishing the regular season with a 19-12 overall record and a 13-5  
27 record in Patriot League play, earning co-Patriot League Regular Season Champion honors;  
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29 WHEREAS, Coach Duane Simpkins, in his second season coaching the American  
30 University Eagles (“the Eagles”), led the team to their first regular season championship in 16  
31 years;  
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33 WHEREAS, graduate student Matt Rogers led the team in points and three-pointers this  
34 season, finishing his tenure as an Eagle with two Patriot-League First Team recognitions, one  
35 Patriot-League Second Team Recognition, one Patriot League Championship, and as a Patriot  
36 League Tournament MVP;  
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38 WHEREAS, Matt Rogers now holds school records, leaving American University as first  
39 all-time in games played, third in games started, fourth in field goals, sixth in career points, and  
40 seventh in rebounds;  
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42 WHEREAS, senior Elijah Stephens will graduate American University ranked fifth in  
43 assists, sixth in steals, and twenty-seventh in points scored, becoming the fourth player in  
44 program history to eclipse both 1,000 points and 400 assists;

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46 WHEREAS, sophomore Greg Jones Jr. earned Patriot League All-Defensive Team  
47 honors;

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49 WHEREAS, the Eagles were led by three graduate students and three seniors during the  
50 2024-2025 season;

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52 WHEREAS, the Eagles have shown a commitment to student engagement, demonstrated  
53 by themed games and partnerships with student-led organizations and the DC community;

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55 WHEREAS, the Eagles were supported by the American University Cheer and Dance  
56 Teams, Pep Band, students, staff, and community members throughout the entire season;

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58 WHEREAS, through their collective teamwork, the team set American University season  
59 records for most points scored, three-pointers made, and free-throw percentage;

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61 WHEREAS, the Eagles sold out their arena during Patriot League Tournament play; and  
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63 WHEREAS, under Coach Duane Simpkins’s leadership, the American University Eagles  
64 won their first Patriot League title since 2014 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament, where  
65 their season concluded.

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67 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this  
68 resolution may be cited as the “American University Men’s Basketball Team Recognition  
69 Resolution of 2025”.

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71 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the  
72 accomplishments of the American University men’s basketball team during the 2024-2025  
73 season.

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75 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
76 the District of Columbia Register.