

## Resolution

Honoring and congratulating the Academy at Palumbo Boys Volleyball team, on their successful 2019 season and overall 15-6 record in the Philadelphia Public League.

WHEREAS, The Academy at Palumbo boys volleyball team is led by Athletic Director and head boys volleyball coach, EJ Goldstein; and,

WHEREAS, The team stood first in the Philadelphia Independence Conference, ranked 13th in Philadelphia, and 27th in the State; and,

WHEREAS, The Academy at Palumbo Griffins finished their conference league with an undefeated 12-0 record, and an overall 15-6 record. The teams undefeated season had 11 wins without losing nearly any sets until the final game of the conference league with that the team lost a set; and,

WHEREAS, Sophomore Rodney Quarles played a pivotal role in the offensive success the Griffins had this season, as the Griffins needed to fill the holes left by the seniors that graduated the season before. Quarles spent time managing the girl's volleyball team in the fall and in helping the girls run drills allowed for his team and coach to mention him as the most improved player that season; and,

WHEREAS, The Academy at Palumbo's mission statement is, "To provide students with the most comprehensive and intense preparation available in the public sector for the rigors of higher learning...and must include raising the aspirations of each student, developing universally applicable problem-solving techniques, technological skills, and instilling a lifelong passion for learning, including rich cultural arts" and demonstrates their commitment to excellent athletics and academics with a 93% graduation rate; and,

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby congratulate and honor the Academy at Palumbo Griffins Boys Volleyball r team on their 2019 Philadelphia Public League championship win.

Introduced by  
Council Member Isaiah Thomas  
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