

RESOLUTION 26-

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to formally recognize and commend the 2025–2026 Columbia High School Wrestling Team for its dedication, hard work, and outstanding accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the wrestling team is committed to striving for excellence, living by the mantra of being the best they can be through dedication to their team, themselves, and Columbia High School, and by putting in the work to improve in both wrestling and academics, while also setting an example for other students at Columbia High School, thereby fostering confidence, character, and excellence both on and off the mat; and

WHEREAS, the members of the boys' team include **Justin Barber**, 7th grader; **Danny Hillis**, 11th grader; **Sergio Esquivel**, 9th grader; **Antonio Peralta**, 10th grader; **Brandon Barber**, 11th grader; **Jonathan Garner**, 11th grader; **Jalen Amos**, 12th grader; and **Kyan Williams**, 8th grader; and the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) Super Sectional Qualifiers include **Kingston Fitzsimmons**, 10th grader; **Jaquarius Starks**, 11th grader; **Maurice Johnson**, 12th grader; **Landon Lucas**, 9th grader and honor student; **Nasier Crews**, 11th grader and holder of the winningest record for a first-year wrestler; **Brian Freeman**, 12th grader and 2025–2026 Team Co-Captain; and **Devaughn Miller**, 11th grader, AHSAA Super Sectional Champion, 2026 AHSAA State Champion, 2026 USA Wrestling National Champion, 2026 U.S. All-American, honor student, winningest wrestler in Columbia High School history, and 2025–2026 Team Captain; and

WHEREAS, the members of the girls' team include **Brianda Abarca-Molina**, 10th grader; **Laylah Harrington**, 9th grader; and AHSAA Super Sectional Qualifiers include **Mya Wesley**, 11th grader; **Rayna West**, 9th grader and honor student; **Sanya Hill**, 9th grader and honor student; and **Alaya Spence**, 12th grader, winningest female wrestler in Columbia High School history, first female wrestler to qualify for the AHSAA State Championship Tournament, and 2023–2026 Girls' Team Captain; and

WHEREAS, the success of the wrestling program is made possible through the dedicated leadership, mentorship, and commitment of its coaches: Senior Head Coach and Wrestling Programs Director Walter M. Walker; Head Coach James Haynes; Senior Assistant Coach Brian Freeman, Sr.; and Assistant Coach Justin Barber, all of whom have made a lasting impact on the lives of their student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, the coaches' goal is to instill in each team member the leadership qualities and self-discipline necessary to achieve higher academic performance, take responsibility for their actions, and succeed in the sport of wrestling and in all future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, through perseverance, discipline, and strong leadership, the Columbia High School Wrestling Team has brought pride to the Huntsville community and demonstrated the value of hard work, character, and sportsmanship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville hereby recognize and commend the Columbia High School Wrestling Team for its commitment, achievements, and admirable representation of the City, and extend sincere pride and congratulations to each of the team members for demonstrating what it means to be a true leader in the Huntsville community.

ADOPTED this the ___ day of _____, 2026.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the ___ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama