

Henry County Board of Education

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION HONORING HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS GRADUATE MICHAEL MACHION HARRIS, II, OF THE CLASS OF 2019; ACKNOWLEDGING HIS EXTRAORDINARY ATHLETIC AND ACADEMIC RECORD DURING MATRICULATION; CELEBRATING HIS CONTINUED ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS; RECOGNIZING THE DATE OF FEBRUARY 7, 2023, AS “MICHAEL M. HARRIS, II, DAY” THROUGHOUT HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, MICHAEL M. HARRIS, II, IS A NATIVE OF GEORGIA, AND A GRADUATE OF STOCKBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE IN HENRY COUNTY, GEORGIA; AND

WHEREAS, MICHAEL M. HARRIS, II, MATRICULATED THROUGH HENRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM GRADES 3 THROUGH 12, DURING WHICH TIME HE WAS A STUDENT INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC ENDEAVORS; AND

WHEREAS, UPON ENTERING STOCKBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL IN HIS NINTH GRADE YEAR, MICHAEL M. HARRIS, II, PLAYED ON THE VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM AND CONTINUED ON VARSITY BASEBALL FOR HIS ENTIRE FOUR YEARS WHILE ATTENDING STOCKBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL PLAYING THE POSITIONS OF CENTERFIELD AND PITCHER; AND

WHEREAS, DURING HIS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL SEASONS FROM 2016 TO 2019, HE GENERATED HIS OWN IMPRESSIVE STATISTICS INCLUDING A BATTING AVERAGE OF .378 WITH 109 HITS, 86 RUNS, 53 RUNS BATTED IN, 8 HOMERUNS, 21 DOUBLES, 14 TRIPLES; AND

WHEREAS, HIS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL STATISTICS FURTHER INCLUDED FIELDING STATISTICS OF .990 FIELDING PERCENTAGE, 45 ASSISTS, 4 DOUBLE PLAYS, WITH ONLY 2 ERRORS; AND

WHEREAS, HIS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL STATISTICS FURTHER INCLUDED PITCHING STATISTICS OF A 5-3 RECORD, 2.68 EARNED RUN AVERAGE, 1 SAVE, 104.2 INNINGS PITCHED, 71 HITS, 42 BASES ON BALLS, 172 STRIKEOUTS, .175 ON BASE AVERAGE; AND

WHEREAS, DURING HIS HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL SEASONS FROM 2016 TO 2019, HE EARNED REMARKABLE ATHLETIC AWARDS INCLUDING 2016 1ST TEAM ALL REGION 4-AAAAA, 2017 1ST TEAM ALL REGION 4-AAAAA, 2018 OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR REGION 4-AAAAA, AND 2019 PLAYER OF THE YEAR REGION 4-AAAAA; AND

WHEREAS, DURING HIS MATRICULATION THROUGH SCHOOLS IN THE HENRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HE FURTHER IS DESCRIBED BY TEACHERS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AS BEING A

TEAM PLAYER, LOYAL TO HIS COMMUNITY, HUMBLE, COACHABLE, HARD WORKING, AND DEDICATED TO HIS TEAMMATES; AND

WHEREAS, AT THE TIME OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, MICHAEL M. HARRIS, II, WAS RECOGNIZED FOR HIS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS; AND

WHEREAS, DURING HIS MATRICULATION THROUGH SCHOOLS IN THE HENRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HE BECAME DESCRIBED BY TEACHERS AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AS A ROLE MODEL, LOYAL TO HIS SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, AT THE TIME OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, MICHAEL M. HARRIS, II, HAD EARNED A FULL ACADEMIC AND BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP TO TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY; AND

WHEREAS, FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION FROM STOCKBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL IN SPRING OF 2019, MICHAEL M. HARRIS, II, WAS DRAFTED BY THE ATLANTA BRAVES IN THE THIRD ROUND AS THE NINETY-EIGHTH OVERALL PICK; AND

WHEREAS, MICHAEL M. HARRIS, II, WENT ON TO PLAY FOR THE GULF COAST BRAVES, THE ROME BRAVES, AND THE MISSISSIPPI BRAVES, EARNING THE MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL “FUTURES GAME” SELECTION IN 2021, THE “GOLD GLOVE” AWARD IN 2021, AND THE “ORGANIZATION ALL-STAR” AWARD IN 2021; AND

WHEREAS, MICHAEL M. HARRIS, II, DEBUTED IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES FOR THE ATLANTA BRAVES IN MAY OF 2022 IN THE POSITION OF OUTFIELDER WITH A BATTING AVERAGE OF .297, 19 HOME RUNS, AND 64 RUNS BATTED IN DURING THAT SEASON; AND

WHEREAS, MICHAEL M. HARRIS, II, EARNED THE AWARDS OF NATIONAL LEAGUE “ROOKIE OF THE MONTH” FOR THE ATLANTA BRAVES DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE 2022, AUGUST 2022, AND SEPTEMBER 2022; AND

WHEREAS, HE HAS BEEN HONORED AS A MEMBER OF THE BASEBALL AMERICA MAJOR LEAGUE ALL-ROOKIE TEAM FOR YEAR 2022 AS A PLAYER FOR THE ATLANTA BRAVES; AND

WHEREAS, HE FURTHER HAS BEEN HONORED AS THE JACKIE ROBINSON NATIONAL LEAGUE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR FOR 2022 AS A PLAYER FOR THE ATLANTA BRAVES; AND

WHEREAS, MICHAEL M. HARRIS, II’S ATHLETIC CAREER SIGNIFIES EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE AND EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITIES FOR A FORMER HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS STUDENT; AND

WHEREAS, THE STOCKBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY HAS RECOGNIZED MICHAEL M. HARRIS, II, WITH A CELEBRATION ON FEBRUARY 7, 2023 EXTENDED TO HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC

PLAYERS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND GUESTS; AND

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACKNOWLEDGES AND RECOGNIZES HENRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT’S COMMITMENT TO ALL STUDENTS TO BELIEVE IN EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT POSSIBILITIES AND DESIGN SUCH EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITIES; AND

THEREFORE, through this Proclamation:

The Board acknowledges and commends graduate Michael M. Harris, II, on his national, professional athletic honors and awards and specifically acknowledges his recent highlight as the “Jackie Robinson Rookie of the Year”; and

THEREFORE, on this 13th day of February 2023, the Henry County Board of Education declares the FIRST TUESDAY IN FEBRUARY 2023 to be recognized as “Michael M. Harris, II, Day in Henry County Schools.”

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