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To honor, recognize, and celebrate the unique achievements of Ms. Jordan Horston who was named and recognized as the Most Valuable Player of the 2019 McDonald's All-American Girls Basketball Game.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus and the members of Columbus City Council are proud to honor and celebrate the unique and gifted talents of extraordinary people from our community, especially the magic of our youth who represent what is possible with their display of courage over fear; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Jordan Horston with the support of her family, friends, coaches, teammates, and a host of others has risen to become a face of courage for the youth of this community - inspiring her teammates, friends, and countless others with her unique gifts, talents, and leadership skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Jordan, who was born in Dallas, Texas has been living in Columbus, Ohio, her mother's childhood home, since she was four months old - Jordan is the proud daughter of Mrs. Malika and Mr. Leigh Horston, the sister of Jazmine Horston; the cousin of Sylvia Crawley, a Steubenville High School star who was a member of the University of North Carolina's NCAA Women's Division I Basketball Championship team in 1994 and now serves as an assistant coach at her alma mater, UNC; and the great niece of Mr. Joe Gilliam who played for the Pittsburgh Steelers; Joe was the first African American quarterback to start a season opener after the AFL-NFL merger of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, Jordan's unique basketball talents began to be cultivated at the age of 5 when her father Leigh, who served as an assistant men's basketball coach at Northland High School under Coach Sullinger during their championship run, began coaching and training Jordan to become the lady and leader that she has become; Jordan was named the MVP of the McDonalds All-American Team in 2019; however her awards also include being named a member of the Jordan Brand Classic in 2019; the 2019 Ohio Gatorade Player-of-the-Year; she was named the MVP of 2018 FIBA U17 World Cup team; she was a member of the USA U17 National Team in 2018; she was named by the Associated Press as the Division III Ohio Co-Player-of-the-Year in 2018; she is 2018 member of the USA Today 1st-team Ohio; she was a member USA U16 National Team in 2017; she was an Associate Press 2nd-team Division III All-State team in 2016 and 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Jordan is a four year starting senior at Columbus Africentric Early College High School where she has a 3.5 Grade Point Average - she is coached by Coach William McKinney, who was named as a 2019 Naismith Coaches Award Finalist; she was a member of the AAU All Ohio Girls Basketball Team Black where she was coached by Coach Johnny Bethea - she was a 2019 Naismith Finalist; the 2019 MVP by the Ohio High School Coaches Association, the 2019 All-Metro Player of the Year; she's earned 2 Gold Medals with USA Basketball; she is the # 1 Ranked Women's Point Guard in the USA , she is ranked as the #2 overall player in America by USA Today, and she will be taking her talents to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville with the "The Lady Volunteers, " on a full scholarship; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby honor, recognize, and celebrate the unique achievements of Ms. Jordan Horston who was named and recognized as the Most Valuable Player of the 2019 McDonald's All-American Girls Basketball Game.