

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD)

RESOLUTION NO: 23-24-0011

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE INAGURAL SOCCER TEAM AT
BETTIS PREPARATORY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, Edgefield County Council wishes to recognize those persons who have provided distinguished service to Edgefield County; and

WHEREAS, seeking to continue the commitment to academic achievement and success established at the historical Bettis Academy campus through the County’s first STEM school, Bettis Preparatory Leadership Academy; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that sports play an integral part of the education of students by teaching them life lessons and skills; and

WHEREAS, Principal Natonia Tillman carried forth the dream set by BPLA founder and former principal Dr. Myrtis Brightharp-Walker of having sports teams at the County’s newest Charter School by enlisting, with the full support and encouragement of Edgefield County Sheriff Jody Rowland, SRO Sgt. Philip Ireland to establish a soccer team for BPLA; and

WHEREAS, both male and female middle school students voluntarily gave up their afternoons to devote time to learning a new sport which brought great pride to both the school and the community; and

WHEREAS, they became the first ever sports team at BPLA and the first team to score points in a game for the historic STEM school;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Edgefield County Council in session duly assembled this second day of July 2024, that Members of the Inaugural Soccer Team at Bettis Preparatory Leadership Academy be honored for their dedication and tireless service to their school, their community, and the citizens of Edgefield County.

Adopted this Second day of July 2024. **Edgefield County Council**

Dean Campbell, Chairman

ATTEST

Albert Talbert, Vice Chairman

Aretha Eubanks, Clerk to Council

Tiffani Ireland, Councilmember

Dr. Jackie Kennion, Councilmember

Jerry Moody, Councilmember