

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 260143)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring the Smedley Bulldog Blitz Cheerleaders as the first Philadelphia Public Elementary School to compete at the UCA Nationals.

WHEREAS, The Smedley Bulldog Blitz cheerleaders, representing Mastery Charter School at Smedley Elementary, have earned the distinction of becoming the first inner-City public elementary school from Philadelphia to qualify for and compete in the 2026 Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) Nationals in Florida; and

WHEREAS, This team of 22 dedicated cheerleaders, ranging in age from approximately six to twelve years old, exemplifies extraordinary commitment, perseverance, teamwork, and excellence by training rigorously through countless hours of practice and preparation, promoting school spirit and unity while encouraging communication, leadership, and fun among students; and

WHEREAS, Founded as an after-school program in 2022, the team has quickly grown into a competitive squad that has achieved multiple regional and national victories, including four 1st Place wins, a 2nd Place finish, a perfect, deduction-free performance known as a “Hit Zero,” and their second National Title at the Hershey-AmeriCherr National Championship, distinguishing themselves among top youth cheer teams from across the country; and

WHEREAS, Guided by coaches Solange Mota and Ana Rosario, the team has cultivated leadership, mentorship, and personal growth through programs that strengthen bonds among students, while representing predominantly Black and Latino youth from the Frankford section of Philadelphia and inspiring the community with their dedication and success; and

WHEREAS, In order to reach the national stage, the team competed in regional competitions, demonstrated outstanding performance and spirit, and overcame financial challenges through months of fundraising and a \$30,000 grant to support their trip to Florida for the UCA Nationals; and

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WHEREAS, By proudly representing their school, City, and community at a prestigious national competition, and boldly redefining excellence in a sport that has been predominantly white, the Smedley Bulldog Blitz cheerleaders have brought visibility, representation, and inspiration to inner-City youth across Philadelphia; and

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby recognizes and honors the Smedley Bulldog Blitz cheerleaders for their historic achievement, extraordinary dedication, and positive representation of the Philadelphia community.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council extends its heartfelt congratulations to the team, coaches, families, and supporters, and wishes them continued success in all future endeavors.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-sixth day of February, 2026.

Kenyatta Johnson
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Lozada

Sponsored by: Council President Johnson, Councilmembers Lozada, Phillips, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Thomas, Jones, Landau, Young, Brooks, Harrity, O'Rourke, Driscoll, O'Neill, Squilla, Bass and Ahmad