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WHEREAS: Member Zihaam Jama enthusiastically embraced her Cambridge educational experience, beginning at the Haggerty School and continuing through the Darby Vassall Upper School and Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, engaging deeply both inside and outside the classroom through clubs, activities, part-time work, and volunteer opportunities; and

WHEREAS: Member Jama has demonstrated a deep commitment to social justice, including food justice and housing equity, through her leadership in Club 4 at CRLS, where she supported local homeless shelters by organizing donation drives, fundraising events, and food preparation volunteer opportunities; and

WHEREAS: Member Jama further pursued her commitment to social impact as a participant in Radcliffe's Emerging Leaders Program, where she spearheaded a research project focused on housing equity, resource distribution, and public policy; and

WHEREAS: Member Jama has been a dedicated leader within the Cambridge community, uplifting younger students and creating opportunities for them to follow in her footsteps, including through her service as a lead presenter and facilitator for the Students of Color Coalition; and

WHEREAS: She served as an active member of the Get Real Teen Council with Planned Parenthood, where she worked to ensure that local youth were empowered with resources and information to support informed decision-making regarding reproductive health; and

WHEREAS: Member Jama also served as a Mentor Lead for PathFinders, where she guided peers by providing tutoring, career advice, and access to internship and academic opportunities; and

WHEREAS: She proudly embraces and shares her East African heritage, serving as Vice President of the East African Club, where she celebrated East African culture, organized community events, and promoted cultural awareness; and

WHEREAS: Member Jama contributed to the advancement of CRLS Falcons athletics, proudly serving as Sports Manager for the girls' softball and basketball teams, where she supported team operations, tracked statistics, and assisted in coordinating practices; and

WHEREAS: Member Jama has served on the Cambridge School Committee during the 2025-2026 term alongside her friend and colleague Member Eva Asraf, advocating for student voices and helping to ensure that decisions reflect diverse perspectives; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee expresses its deep appreciation for Member Jama's many contributions to the Cambridge community and takes great pride in knowing that she will continue her academic journey at Northeastern University; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Member Jama as a token of the Cambridge School Committee's sincere gratitude and warmest best wishes.