

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

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TITLE: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RIAN SOUFFRANT FOR HIS MENTORSHIP OF OAKWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL STUDENTS, GUIDING THEM TO THE NORTH AMERICAN NATIONAL YOUTH BRIDGE TOURNAMENT. (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)

WHEREAS, the card game known as Bridge has ancient roots dating back to the dawn of time. Of its direct ancestor, **Whist**, we have confirmed knowledge in England since the 16th Century, when it was commonly played among the humbler classes.

WHEREAS, the game began to attract also the more privileged classes and its success grew to the extent that in 1742 Sir Edmond Hoyle codified it with specific rules in his "**Short Treatise**", published in London, on the game's technique; and

WHEREAS, Rian Souffrant began his journey with Bridge at Oakwood Avenue Community School and continued at Orange Prep; and

WHEREAS, this summer, he mentored Oakwood students alongside Ms. Venable, guiding them to the North American National Youth Bridge Tournament in Toronto, Canada; and

WHEREAS, Rian is a rising 11th grader at STEM Academy, is known for his kindness, care, and true leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, we're excited to congratulate him on being selected as this year's Sportsmanship Award winner, earning a \$1,000 scholarship toward his college education; and

WHEREAS, we thank the Orange Education Foundation for introducing the district to the World of Bridge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the municipal council of the City of Orange Township does congratulate, honor, and recognize Rian Souffrant for his mentorship of Oakwood Avenue School students for guiding them to the North American National Youth Bridge Tournament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we ask the residents of the City to congratulate Rian on this accomplishment.

Adopted: August 7, 2024

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Adrienne Wooten
Council President

