

**PROCLAMATION TO HONOR
ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL GRAD CAMI WADE
RECIPIENT OF C-SPAN STUDENTCAM DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION 2019**

WHEREAS, Cameon (Cami) Wade graduated from Athens High School in June 2019 Summa Cum Laude. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the Athens TV Video Club, Executive Producer/President in her senior year. **Cami** produced short video segments for the Athens Daily News and videos for Athens TV YouTube Channel and local film festivals. Her videos have accumulated over 10,000 views on the YouTube page. **Cami** was part of the OneTroy Creative Team helping to launch the new district digital video initiative; and

WHEREAS, Cami traveled to different schools in the Troy School District during her lunch period to create short stories for the TSD YouTube channel. She had a large part in the successful rollout of the new As an English elective, our Writing For Broadcasting course. She also attended to DAFT Media Student Symposium and other workshops presenting on video tips and techniques for Middle School programs; and

WHEREAS, Cami's teacher Adam Burns said that he is fortunate to have a few students every year who want more, a deeper look at filmmaking or journalism or animation or anything in the field that ignites their passion. **Cami** has been that student, probably THE student, who has taken the opportunities available and really allowed her passion to catch fire; and

WHEREAS, All of Cami's work has been outstanding, but "**The Polar Bear Legacy,**" which she created for the C-SPAN StudentCam competition is exceptional. Adam Burns pushes this contest every year, and every year, students are drawn in by the vast pool of prize money. But every year, they push back out when they learn just how much work is going to be required; and

WHEREAS, Cami researched, waited patiently for congressmen to get back to her for an interview, traveled to meet different veterans, and turned the stories she heard into a beautiful, unique narrative that is deeply meaningful for her local community. She has already seen it become an official selection at several film festivals around the country, was contacted by Fox News in New York to see if they could use some of her footage from it, and played it in front of hundreds of her peers at the TSD annual film festival; and

WHEREAS, Cami's hard work paid off. She won third place in the **national C-SPAN StudentCam Documentary Competition in 2019**. She also won a Best Of Show award and three Awards of Excellence at the 2019 Michigan Student Film Festival; five nominations and one win at the prestigious NATAS Michigan Student Production Awards; two first place awards, one second place, and three third place awards at the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association; and 10 Official Selections and counting at film festivals around the country; and

WHEREAS, Cami was named to the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association Student Journalist Staff, one of 15 members across all forms of student media. At the Spring Awards, she received the honor of being named to the All-MIPA Staff for Video, essentially naming her the best high school video journalist in Michigan for 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Troy, does hereby join with the citizens of Troy, to express sincere congratulations to **Cami Wade** on the occasion of winning third place in the national C-SPAN StudentCam Documentary Competition in 2019 for "**The Polar Bear Legacy;**" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council commends **Cami Wade** for her dedication, commitment, and hard work to achieve all she has done as an incredible filmmaker and wish her continued success as she begins her college career at Adrian College in the field of film and broadcast.

Presented this 19th day of August 2019.