

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF
DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1
HONORING THE LEGACY OF KENDRICK R. CASTILLO

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2019, Kendrick Castillo, along with two classmates, Joshua Jones and Brendan Bialy, acted heroically in defense of their classmates and staff at STEM School Highlands Ranch, a Douglas County School District (DCSD) authorized public charter school, by rushing and subsequently disarming an active shooter; and

WHEREAS, Kendrick Castillo lost his life while saving the lives of several students and staff; and

WHEREAS, Kendrick’s parents raised him to be strong in his faith and moral character and imbued him with the virtues of courage, prudence, justice, temperance, faith, hope, and charity – attributes that not only enabled him to selflessly defend others, but to be an enduring exemplary role model for his peers throughout his time as a student; and

WHEREAS, Kendrick loved technology and robotics and aspired to be an aerospace engineer to enable him to give back to his community; and

WHEREAS, Kendrick and his parents were immersed in and dedicated to the robotics program at his school and their mutual dedication resulted in student empowerment and achievement through academic exploration and competition in the field of robotics; and

WHEREAS, Kendrick’s incredible capability to love and put others before himself was directly reflected in the culture of his robotics program, where he was the team captain, which should serve as a model of inclusion and belonging for all District programs; and

WHEREAS, Kendrick’s sacrifice, character, dedication to others, and love of robotics should be remembered and honored by all District students and staff; and

WHEREAS, Board of Education of Douglas County School District RE-1 (“Board of Education”) Policy FF - Naming New Facilities states that schools may be named for physical locations, geographical areas, desirable conditions, or significant or pertinent events and Policy FFA - Memorials for Deceased Students and Staff limits permanent memorial forms to awards, scholarships, plantings, collections of books, or items of historical or educational significance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes Policies FF and FFA should remain intact except in response to extraordinary contributions related to the District and the contributions and sacrifice of Kendrick Castillo are meritorious of being exempted from any restrictions under these policies which might impact the naming of an educational space in his honor; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has the final decision-making authority with respect to the naming of facilities as stated in Policy FF.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education as follows:

1. The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to name the robotics program spaces located at the DCSD Legacy Campus in honor of Kendrick R. Castillo to ensure his legacy, sacrifice, and love of robotics live in perpetuity (i.e., Kendrick R. Castillo Robotics Laboratory).
2. Particular emphasis should be given to ensuring students enrolled in associated robotics programs at the Legacy Campus understand Kendrick’s passion for robotics as a means to allow each student to achieve their unique potential while creating and sustaining a culture of belonging, inclusion, and collaboration among students, staff, and parents.

APPROVED this 9th day of May 2023 by a vote of 6-0.

AYES: Meek, Myers, Peterson, Ray, Williams, Winegar

NAYS: N/A

ABSENT: Hanson



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