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WHEREAS: Member Urbana Barua has enthusiastically embraced the diverse educational and cultural opportunities offered by Tobin Montessori School, Vassal Lane Upper School, and Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, where she earned induction into the National Honor Society, an honor that recognizes students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, and character; and

WHEREAS: In addition to her academic achievements, Urbana served as a warm and welcoming voice during the CRLS morning announcements, helping her fellow students start their day informed and uplifted; and

WHEREAS: Member Barua extended her academic pursuits beyond CRLS, participating in the prestigious Crimson Summer Academy at Harvard University and Radcliffe's Emerging Leaders Program, where she developed a project addressing racial inequities in CRLS AP courses; and

WHEREAS: She has demonstrated a deep commitment to youth empowerment in Cambridge, serving as an organizer of the CRLS Youth Equity Summit, where she was one of four students selected to speak on the youth activism panel, and was honored with the Youth Equity Leaders Award; and

WHEREAS: As a member and co-chair of the Cambridge Youth Council, Member Barua helped lead advocacy efforts that successfully secured a \$250,000 increase in the City budget to expand free student bus passes, and represented Cambridge as a delegate in the National League of Cities 100th Year Anniversary Conference in Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS: She is committed to climate justice and ensuring girls are exposed to STEM opportunities. She served as an Intern Junior Park Ranger with the National Parks of Boston, where she facilitated youth workshops, as well as a Junior Mentor for Science Clubs for Girls she shared her knowledge of biology and physics; and

WHEREAS: Member Barua's love for dance led her to take on leadership roles in the CRLS Modern Dance Company as a dancer, choreographer, and publicity manager. In addition, she served as a teaching assistant at the Tamrochura Dance School, where she deepened her skills in Bengali and Indian classical dance; and

WHEREAS: She has dutifully served on the Cambridge School Committee in the 2024–2025 term alongside her friend and colleague Member Urbana Barua, advocating fiercely for the voices of all students and successfully advocating for increased financial support of CRLS clubs, as well as championing efforts to increase youth participation in the district's budgeting process; and

WHEREAS: She will continue her academic journey at Barnard College of Columbia University, where she will explore the intersection of healthcare, law, and public policy, and the ways in which policy decisions impact healthcare systems and communities. We are enormously proud that she will be representing Cambridge in New York City; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee hereby recognizes Member Barua for her extraordinary service, leadership, and advocacy on behalf of Cambridge students, and congratulates her on her graduation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Member Urbana Barua in honor of her achievements and service and with the Committee's immense gratitude.