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WHEREAS: The Cambridge Rindge and Latin School's broad range of athletic offerings includes Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS) Unified Sports, an inclusive Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) program that pairs students with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team; and

WHEREAS: The Unified Sports program, which is part of the larger Special Olympics Unified Sports initiative, focuses on skill development, social interaction, and athletic competition while promoting sportsmanship and building inclusive communities.; and

WHEREAS: CRLS was one of only 17 schools in Massachusetts, and among 217 schools nationwide to have been recognized as a National Banner Special Olympics Unified Champion School for School Year 2024-2025 for excellence in inclusion, advocacy, and respect; and

WHEREAS: Leadership is encouraged among peers in and out of the classroom, through the Best Buddies club, and by promoting student participation in state Unified Youth Leadership conferences; and

WHEREAS: The result is a school environment that promotes inclusion and respect for all; and

WHEREAS: CRLS earned this designation for meeting 10 national standards of excellence, incorporating sports, leadership, and school-wide engagement; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee celebrates and commends the CRLS Unified Sports Basketball and Bowling teams, athletes, program liaisons Hunter Brochu, Eric Chase, and coaches Brett Armstrong, Matthew Brack, Sarah Featherspoons, Mae Sefransky, and Ryan Williamson for their contributions to CRLS and the broader Cambridge community, and for achieving this honorable distinction from the Special Olympics Unified Sports Initiative; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a formal copy of this resolution be prepared by the Executive Secretary to the School Committee and presented to the students, faculty and staff of the CRLS Unified Sports Program.