

Good day, I am Kamela Hughes

Thank you for the opportunity to give my testimony on Bill # 36-0084 a resolution honoring and commending Alva Alphonse Swan known as Coach Tumba for his dedication, contribution and mentorship to the sports of basketball.

Today I offer my full support for this great accomplishment for Coach Tumba as he receives the Key to the Territory. Coach Tumba is not just a coach; he is a true mentor who understands the importance of nurturing our young athletes both on and off the court. He possesses an incredible ability to inspire, motivate and push each player to reach their full potential while instilling values of teamwork, discipline and respect in them.

His coaching style is inclusive and encouraging, making every child feel valued and supported. I had the opportunity for him to coach my daughter, and said to myself as soon as my son was to age that's where he was going for basketball. My son joined the Jah Youths Basket team which was the greatest thing I ever did. Under his guidance, my children have not only grown as athletes but as individuals who understand the importances of hard work, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

Tumba puts in that extra time to coach even if he is just coming off his busy work shift tired, that doesn't stop him from showing up on the court, he is dedicated to his self and to our children. Tumba is a very respectful humble person that you can always approach with any questions or concern, and everyone respects him in the community and is a great role model for all ages. I am so honored to be here today to witness this big milestone in his life because he deserves it.

Lastly, we got the news that he was retiring from coaching last year, we were all worried because he had stop show up to several practices for the team but after 2 weeks he just pops up one day, so I said to him I thought you retire mon, and Coach Tumba reply was who going coach ayo if I don't come out, we all laugh.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

Kamela Huges