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2 Councilmember Robert White, Jr.
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6 Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie
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9 A BILL
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12 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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16 To propose that a statue of Charles Hamilton Houston be commissioned; and to amend the
17 Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982 to include the
18 Council as among those that may sponsor a commemorative work on public space, to
19 require the Commemorative Works Committee to give a priority to applications for
20 commemorative works that are significant to the District's culture or history and the
21 first priority to such works that honor a woman or individual of a minority who is a
22 native Washingtonian.

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
25 act may be cited as the "Charles Hamilton Houston and Other Diverse Washingtonians
26 Commemorative Works Amendment Act of 2017".
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29 TITLE I. COUNCIL PROPOSAL.
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32 Sec. 101. Pursuant to section 401(2) of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition
33 Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official Code § 9-
34 204.01(2)) ("Act") and in accordance with section 401(3) and (4) of the Act, the Council
35 proposes that a statue of Charles Hamilton Houston be commissioned to honor a remarkable
36 native Washingtonian and champion of civil rights who, as a brilliant lawyer, tenacious Dean of
37 Howard University Law School, and the first special counsel for the NAACP, laid the legal
38 foundation responsible for dismantling the American system of segregation. He left an indelible
39 mark on society and inspired generations of lawyers to pursue the cause of freedom and equal
40 justice under the law for all Americans.
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32 TITLE II. COMMEMORATIVE WORKS AMENDMENT.

33 Sec. 201. Part B of Title IV of the Street and Alley Closing and Acquisition Procedures
34 Act of 1982, effective April 4, 2001 (D.C. Law 13-275; D.C. Official Code § 9-204.11 *et seq.*), is
35 amended as follows:

36 (a) Section 411(3) (D.C. Official Code § 9-204.11(3)) is amended by striking the phrase
37 “means a Federal” and inserting the phrase “means the Council, a Federal” in its place.

38 (b) Section 415 (D.C. Official Code § 9-204.15) is amended as follows:

39 (1) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

40 (A) The existing text is designated as paragraph (1).

41 (B) A new paragraph (2) is added to read as follows:

42 “(2)(A) The Commemorative Works Committee shall create a written plan
43 to erect a minimum of 8 statues that honor a combination of women and minorities who are
44 native Washingtonians. The plan shall include:

45 “(i) A list compiled by the Committee detailing the 8
46 honoree recommendations;

47 “(ii) At a minimum, that one statue will erected in each
48 Ward of the District by 2021;

49 “(iii) A recommended geographical location for each statue;
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51 “(iv) Honoree recommendations from residents, industry
52 professionals, academic professionals, and cultural organizations.

53 (B) The written plan required by this paragraph shall be submitted
54 to the Council for review and approval within 60 days after the effective day of the Charles

55 Hamilton Houston and Other Diverse Washingtonians Commemorative Works Amendment Act
56 of 2017, as introduced on June 27, 2017(Bill 22-___).”.

57 (2) Subsection (c)(1) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “,
58 with a focus on having commemorative works of cultural or historical relevance, especially those
59 honoring a woman or minority individual native to the District, in each Ward.” in its place.

60 TITI III. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

61 Sec. 301. Fiscal impact statement.

62 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
63 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
64 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

65 Sec. 401. Effective date.

66 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
67 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
68 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
69 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
70 Columbia Register.