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Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize the 90th anniversary of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

WHEREAS, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church held its first service in a family home belonging to Ms. Jane French in approximately 1922;

WHEREAS, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church moved to a wooden building called the "Hut Church" at 27th and O Streets in Southeast, Washington, D.C., to accommodate a growing membership;

WHEREAS, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church held its first mass at the "Hut Church" on December 24, 1924;

WHEREAS, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church purchased land at 28th and O Streets, Southeast in 1936 to build a larger facility and dedicated the new building and one year later on November 7, 1937;

WHEREAS, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church opened the St. Francis Xavier Academy on March 3, 1940, where spiritual and academic education are taught;

WHEREAS, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church has served the needs of the poor and the community through many outreach projects such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Blood Pressure Screening, Children's Music and Liturgy, HIV/Aid, Literacy Program, Catholic Charities housing programs and the provision of free food, affordable and nutritious groceries, outerwear and coats;

WHEREAS, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church has an especially popular Wednesday Senior Citizens Mass for area seniors where lunch and entertainment is provided;

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WHEREAS, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church offers bible study classes and weekday Mass and many community;

WHEREAS, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church has been a pillar of the Ward 7 community; and

WHEREAS, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church now celebrates its 90th Anniversary and a long history of faith expressed in prayer and works of charity.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church 90th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2014”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates and thanks St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church for 90 years of service.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.