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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor the contributions of Kurt John Darr to the health community in the Washington metropolitan area and on his retirement from The George Washington University after 41 years as a full time faculty member;

WHEREAS, Kurt John Darr (“Dr. Darr”) was born March 3,1940 in Bismarck, North Dakota;

WHEREAS, Dr. Darr earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Concordia College in 1961, a Juris Doctor from the University of Minnesota School of Law in 1964, a Master of Hospital Administration from the University of Minnesota in 1966, and a Doctor of Science from The Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health in 1973;

WHEREAS, Dr. Darr served in the United States Navy until 1971;

WHEREAS, Dr. Darr has completed post-doctoral fellowships with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (now the Department of Health and Human Services), the World Health Organization and what is now the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education;

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Darr has been licensed to practice law in Minnesota since 1964 and in
34 the District of Columbia since 1980;

35 WHEREAS, Dr. Darr served as an instructor and lecturer in Health Care Administration
36 at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD from 1968 to 1970;

37 WHEREAS, Dr. Darr Instructor served as an instructor in Health Facilities Management
38 at Strayer University in Washington, DC from 1969 to 1971;

39 WHEREAS, Dr. Darr has served in a full-time faculty member at The George
40 Washington University in the Department of Health Services Management and Leadership since
41 1973;

42 WHEREAS, Dr. Darr served as Assistant Dean of the School of Government and
43 Business Administration for The George Washington University from 1975 to 1979;

44 WHEREAS, in 1981, Dr. Darr served as a Visiting Professor at The American University
45 in Cairo, Egypt;

46 WHEREAS, in 1982, Dr. Darr served as a Visiting Professor at the Nuffield Centre for
47 International Health and Development at the University of Leeds in England;

48 WHEREAS, Dr. Darr served as a Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Health Services
49 Research and Policy Studies at Northwestern University in 1996-1997;

50 WHEREAS, as a faculty member at The George Washington University, Dr. Darr has
51 been steadfast in his devotion to the school and has served on the University Faculty Senate, the
52 Medical Center Faculty Senate, the Department Curriculum Committee, the Department
53 Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee, as well as Parliamentarian for the Milken
54 Institute School of Public Health;

55 WHEREAS, Dr. Darr has penned several books on the topic of health service
56 management as well as many scholarly articles in both health and law journals;

57 WHEREAS, Dr. Darr is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the
58 American Hospital Association, the National Capital Healthcare Executives, the American
59 Society for Quality, the American Bar Association, the District of Columbia Bar Association, the
60 Minnesota State Bar Association, and the American Health Lawyers Association;

61 WHEREAS, Dr. Darr has educated over 1,500 healthcare leaders, executives and
62 managers, was honored by the George Washington Student Association with the Excellence in
63 Teaching award ten times, and received the Trachtenberg Award for University Service in 2009;

64 WHEREAS, Dr. Darr has committed his time, effort, and talents to the betterment of the
65 District of Columbia and the health community;

66 WHEREAS, Dr. Darr, through his teaching and work in the health community, has made
67 a positive impact on the District of Columbia and its residents and has improved the quality of
68 life in the District.

69 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
70 resolution be cited as the “Kurt John Darr Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2014”.

71 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Dr. Kurt John
72 Darr for his outstanding contribution and invaluable service to the District of Columbia, The
73 George Washington University, and the education of students in the nation’s capital,
74 Washington, D.C.

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