

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 4, 2017

To recognize and honor Jeffrey Ballou on his election as the 110th President of the National Press Club and for over 25 years of dedication to media and journalism.

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Ballou was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and African-American studies.

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Ballou attended American University, from which he earned a Masters of Arts in Journalism and Public Affairs;

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Ballou started his media career as a broadcast fellow in Boston, Massachusetts;

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Ballou has worked at various media outlets across the country, including radio stations, television stations, and other freelance assignments;

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Ballou became a member of the National Press Club in 1992;

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Ballou, in 2006, became the Deputy News Editor for Al Jazeera Media Network and was a founding member of the English language channel's launch team;

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Ballou was promoted to news editor of Al Jazeera Media Network in 2013;

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Ballou became a member of the National Press Club, which was founded more than a century ago as the traditional meeting place in Washington, D.C. for newsmakers and journalists;

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Ballou was first elected to the National Press Club's Board of Governors in 2012 and was elected as vice chair of the board in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Ballou was elected as the 110th President of the National Press Club and became the first African-American male to serve in this role.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Jeff Ballou Recognition Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Jeff Ballou for over 25 years of experience in media and journalism, and for his election as the 110th President of the National Press Club.

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