

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 4, 2017

To recognize the entire Frank W. Ballou Senior High Senior School Class of 2017 for applying to college.

WHEREAS, every one of the 190 seniors at Frank W. Ballou Senior High School have applied to college;

WHEREAS, the college and career coordinator of the Frank W. Ballou Senior High School is Jamanda Porter;

WHEREAS, the Frank W. Ballou Senior High School was established in 1958;

WHEREAS, the Frank W. Ballou Senior High School was rebuilt in 2015 and is among the newly renovated high schools in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, among millennials 25 to 32 years of age, median annual earnings for full-time working college-degree holders are \$17,500 greater than those with high school diplomas only;

WHEREAS, research shows that poverty is reduced through employment and employment is increased after a college degree is earned;

WHEREAS, Ward 8 has the highest unemployment rate in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, the Frank W. Ballou Senior High School has an enrollment of over 900 students and every student qualifies for free or reduced-priced lunch;

WHEREAS, never before has an entire senior class at Frank W. Ballou Senior High School ever applied to college;

WHEREAS, the Frank W. Ballou Senior High School is only one of 2 District of Columbia Public Schools where 100% of its seniors have applied to college;

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WHEREAS, the Frank W. Ballou Senior High School credited the accomplishments its college-prep classes, the work of the career coordinator, and a school-wide campaign to apply to college;

WHEREAS, this accomplishment will raise the expectations of all senior classes following the class of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Ward 8 community and the entire city of Washington, D.C. is proud of the achievements of the class of 2017 at the Frank W. Ballou Senior High School.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Frank W. Ballou Senior High School Class of 2017 College Application Recognition Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the Frank W. Ballou Senior High School Class of 2017 for applying to college.

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