

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 2, 2017

To recognize the historic Capital Yacht Club of Washington D.C., on its 125th anniversary and on the occasion of its 125th Flag Raising.

WHEREAS, the Capital Yacht Club was founded in 1892, on the Washington Channel in Southwest D.C., shortly after Major General Peter C. Hains of the US Army Corps of Engineers renovated the waterway system within the Nation's Capital;

WHEREAS, the Capital Yacht Club, as one of the longest continuously operating nonprofit businesses in the Nation's Capital, continues to contribute to the vibrancy, life, and economy of the Southwest Waterfront through its active championing of, participation in, and support of events such as the regionally famous Parade of Lights, the Blessing of the Fleet, and the annual Cherry Blossom Festival;

WHEREAS, members of the Capital Yacht Club readily committed their vessels to the national defense in both World Wars I and II;

WHEREAS, continuing that tradition of assistance and cooperation in times of emergency, the Capital Yacht Club stepped forward and offered its facilities and vessels to the Metropolitan Police Department and the Fire and Emergency Medical Service Department to support all first responders to the Pentagon on September 11, 2001;

WHEREAS, the Capital Yacht Club, in furtherance of its commitment to its founding principles, continues to work closely with and provide meeting space to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the US Power Squadron's Potomac River Unit as part of its ongoing efforts to promote boating safety;

WHEREAS, the Capital Yacht Club, as a nonprofit promoting philanthropy throughout its 125-year-presence on the Southwest Waterfront, has provided leadership, contributed vessels, as appropriate, provided meeting space to, and given assistance to such activities as the Easter Seals (Cruise for Kids), the Cure for Cancer Walk, the Leukemia Cup Fundraiser, US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, DC Sail Youth Sailing and Scholastic Sailing Programs, Cantina Cup, Washington Channel Poker Run, and its own annual Boxing Day Warm Clothing Drive;

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WHEREAS, the Capital Yacht Club, over 35 years ago, created and continuously sponsors its annual Police, Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Services Picnic to honor and thank the brave first responders of our Nation's Capital;

WHEREAS, the Capital Yacht Club, in further commitment to its Charter, continues to work closely with the US Coast Guard and the Metropolitan Police Department's Harbor Patrol Unit in support of their security efforts on the Potomac and Anacostia Rivers within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District of Columbia, including its Eyes on the Potomac program; and

WHEREAS, the Capitol Yacht Club has been a community partner in and long standing stalwart of the Wharf redevelopment and a continuously active participant in the redevelopment of the Southwest Waterfront and a leader in preserving boating and vibrancy in Southwest Washington, D.C.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Capital Yacht Club 125th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2017".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds this a most appropriate time to recognize the Capital Yacht Club for its continued community involvement and support, and for its continuous contributions to the rejuvenation and sustainability of America's national waterfront, The Wharf.

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