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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

22-120

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 6, 2017

To honor Warren Brown for his service to the business vitality and consumer interests of the District of Columbia, to congratulate him on his accolades and achievements, and to declare June 15, 2017, as “Warren Brown Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Warren Brown, esteemed automotive columnist for *The Washington Post*, covered the automobile industry from 1982 to 2009, and has been recognized as one of the nation’s most influential auto writers;

WHEREAS, Warren Brown is a special correspondent for *The Washington Post*, writing an automotive product review syndicated column, entitled, “On Wheels,” and he also administers an auto industry online roundtable discussion, “Real Wheels”;

WHEREAS, Warren Brown’s passion, enthusiasm, knowledge, and vision have garnered him the respect and admiration of the entire automotive industry as well as being considered the dean of African American automotive journalists, both mainstream and automotive;

WHEREAS, Warren Brown has been a champion of automotive safety, advancing automotive technology and the future of the automobile, smart cities, and mobility;

WHEREAS, Warren Brown has worked diligently for consumer protection and rights, automotive manufacturer responsibility, dealer commitment, and public-private sector initiatives;

WHEREAS, Warren Brown has been a trusted professional with the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association (“WANADA”) and a participant in the popular “Ask the Expert” Booth at The Washington Auto Show;

WHEREAS, Warren Brown, after interviewing manufacturers about their latest plans and projections, has written an industry handbook for the 2014-2017 Washington Auto Show on “The Future of Mobility”, distributed to hundreds of thousands of auto show attendees;

WHEREAS, Warren Brown has been honored with the highest honor given for career excellence at *The Washington Post*—The Eugene Mayer Award -- and received the 16th Annual

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Urban Wheel Awards' Lifetime Achievement Award during Press Days at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit;

WHEREAS, Warren Brown has been honored by WANADA with a Lifetime Achievement Award at its annual meeting with dealer principals and the business community at the Mayflower Hotel;

WHEREAS, Warren Brown is the co-author of "Black and White and Red All Over: The Story of a Friendship" and wrote the introduction to DRIVEN: A Tribute to African American Achievement in the Automotive Industry," a book published by Real Times Media and Who's Who Publishing;

WHEREAS, Warren Brown is a graduate of Xavier University in New Orleans and received his master's degree in journalism from Columbia University Graduate School in New York with fellowships at the Duke University School of Public Policy and The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Warren Brown is honored at a tribute reception by his peers, sponsored by the Washington Automotive Press Association, on June 15, 2017.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Warren Brown Recognition Resolution of 2017".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes Warren Brown for his service to the business vitality and consumer interests of the District of Columbia, congratulates him on his many achievements, and declares June 15, 2017, as "Warren Brown Day" in the District of Columbia.

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