

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

22-196

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2017

To recognize Ernest Green for his courage and historic contribution to society as a member of the “Little Rock Nine”.

WHEREAS, Ernest Green was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on September 22, 1941;

WHEREAS, Ernest Green is a longtime resident of the District of Columbia and currently resides in Ward 4;

WHEREAS, on September 25, 1957, Ernest Green was one member of the “Little Rock Nine”, a group of 9 African-American students who bravely desegregated Little Rock Central High School in the face of hatred, opposition, and violence;

WHEREAS, as a member of the “Little Rock Nine”, Ernest Green persevered despite daily verbal and physical threats;

WHEREAS, on May 25, 1958, Ernest Green became the first African-American graduate of Little Rock Central High School;

WHEREAS, Ernest Green received a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree from Michigan State University;

WHEREAS, Ernest Green received honorary doctorates from Michigan State University, Tougaloo College, Central State University, and the University of Arkansas;

WHEREAS, under President Jimmy Carter, Ernest Green served as the Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Affairs;

WHEREAS, Ernest Green was listed in Black Enterprise Magazine's 2006 list of the "75 Most Powerful Blacks on Wall Street";

WHEREAS, Ernest Green is the recipient of several prestigious awards and honors, such as the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, the NAACP Spingarn Medal, the Rockefeller Public Service Award, and the Congressional Gold Medal; and

WHEREAS, September of 2017 marked 60 years since Little Rock Central High School was integrated, but the legacy of the "Little Rock Nine" remains powerful.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Ernest Green's valor and lasting impact on the history of our nation.

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