

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 9, 2018

To recognize the career and service of Deputy Fire Chief Edward M. Pearson on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, Chief Edward M. Pearson is a native Washingtonian and current District resident;

WHEREAS, Chief Edward M. Pearson was educated in the District of Columbia public school system, earning a high school diploma from Frank W. Ballou Senior High School in 1977;

WHEREAS, Chief Edward M. Pearson's educational achievements include a Master of Arts in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California; a Master of Public Administration in Public Management; Bachelor of Science – Fire Science Administration, and an Associate in Applied Science – Fire Science Administration, all from the University of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Chief Edward M. Pearson is a 2007 graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and a Certified Public Manager from George Washington University as a 2003 graduate of the Center for Excellence in Municipal Management;

WHEREAS, Chief Edward M. Pearson is certified as a National Fire Protection Association 1021- Fire Officer IV;

WHEREAS, Chief Edward M. Pearson's career in the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Services Department commenced in 1987 as a Firefighter, and he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1995;

WHEREAS, Chief Edward M. Pearson held the rank of Lieutenant and Captain before his promotion to Battalion Fire Chief on November 13, 2005;

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WHEREAS, Chief Edward M. Pearson was promoted to the rank of Deputy Fire Chief on January 3, 2011;

WHEREAS, Chief Edward M. Pearson is the only Deputy Fire Chief in the Department's history to serve as the Firefighting/Operations Deputy on Platoon #1, #2, #3, and #4;

WHEREAS, Chief Edward M. Pearson served as an adjunct professor for the University of the District of Columbia from 2003 -2011, teaching the core courses of the fire science degree curriculum and currently serves as a certified instructor for the Department of Homeland Security's National Incident Management System curriculum;

WHEREAS, Chief Edward M. Pearson was the 2012 recipient of the Recognition Award of Appreciation from the District of Columbia Schools Academies of Anacostia for his dedicated work with the students;

WHEREAS, Chief Edward M. Pearson was a 2011 recipient of the Recognition Award of Appreciation from Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B for his dedicated service to the residents of Ward 7;

WHEREAS, Chief Edward M. Pearson was a 2006 recipient of the Metropolitan Police Department 7th District Public Service Award for his committed service to the citizens and visitors of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Chief Edward M. Pearson decided to retire after a 30-year career in the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Services Department.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Deputy Fire Chief Edward M. Pearson Recognition Resolution of 2018".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates and thanks Deputy Fire Chief Edward M. Pearson for his 30 years of service in the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Services Department, his leadership and commitment to protecting and saving the lives of District residents, and his many contributions to the District of Columbia.

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