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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

22-301

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 10, 2018

To recognize the significant contributions of Mark Tuohey to the District of Columbia, including overseeing the return of Major League Baseball.

WHEREAS, from 2004-2007, Mark Tuohey served as the former chair of the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission, which was instrumental in negotiating with Major League Baseball to reestablish the Montreal Expos as the Washington Nationals, earning him the title “Mr. Baseball”;

WHEREAS, Mark Tuohey has led an expansive career spanning over 45 years in both the public and private sectors, where he specialized in complex civil and criminal investigations, internal corporate investigations, congressional investigations, and alternative dispute resolutions both in the U.S. and abroad;

WHEREAS, most recently Mark Tuohey completed service as the first Director for the Mayor of Washington, D.C.’s Office of Legal Counsel, during which he provided legal advice to Mayor Muriel Bowser and her cabinet on issues ranging from law enforcement and education to energy and economic development;

WHEREAS, Mark Tuohey began his career as a federal prosecutor in the 1970s and garnered national attention for handling the Hanafi Muslim hostage case, an incident in which 134 people were taken captive in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, in 1980, he successfully prosecuted former Representative Daniel J. Flood, a power Pennsylvania Democrat for his role in a bribing scheme;

WHEREAS, Mark Tuohey entered private law practice and represented clients in civil and criminal investigations and trials, and legislative investigations;

WHEREAS, in 1994, Mark Tuohey was tapped to serve as the principal deputy independent counsel to Ken Starr in the Whitewater investigation and served in this position for one year, after which he joined Vinson & Elkins, where he was selected as Co-Managing Partner of the Washington, D.C. office;

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WHEREAS, in 1997, Mark Tuohey was appointed by the Council’s Committee on Judiciary Co-Chairs, Jack Evans and Kathy Patterson, to serve as special counsel for an investigation into the operations and management of the Metropolitan Police Department, which led to the appointment of Chief Charles H. Ramsey and significant reforms in the operations of the department;

WHEREAS, in 2000, the District again turned to Mark Tuohey to lead an investigation into the management of the city-run group homes for the mentally disabled and he played a central role in arranging for the proper supervision of the District’s most vulnerable citizens;

WHEREAS, beginning in 2015, as the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel, Mark Tuohey oversaw the migration of the District’s agency counsel to Mayor’s Office of Legal Counsel, and provided guidance and training to agency counsel;

WHEREAS, Mark Tuohey served as President of the District of Columbia Bar in 1993, elected a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1995; “D.C. Lawyer of the Year” (Bar Association of the District of Columbia) in 2000; America’s Leading Lawyers for Business; International Who’s Who of Business Crime Lawyers; Top 100 Most Influential Lawyers in Washington Region; “Washingtonian of the Year” in 2005;

WHEREAS, Mark Tuohey has been involved in the issues of peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland, including serving as an advisor to the governments of Ireland and Northern Ireland, and as an advisor to the Independent Commission on Policing in Northern Ireland in 1998-2000;

WHEREAS, Mark Tuohey and his wife, Marty, have been 45-year residents of Ward 4, where they raised 3 sons, graduates of Gonzaga College High School, who have followed their example to promote social justice and reconciliation through sport;

WHEREAS, Mark Tuohey received his Bachelor of Arts from St. Bonaventure University in 1969, and his law degree from Fordham University Law School in 1973, following service as a Military Police Officer in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era;

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Fordham Law Alumni Association presented Mark Tuohey with a Medal of Achievement, the highest honor by Fordham Law to its alumni; and

WHEREAS, Tuohey has devoted his life to promoting social justice, racial harmony, and civil unity for the residents of this community and beyond.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Mark Tuohey Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Mark Tuohey for his lifelong dedication to the legal profession and recognizes his accomplishments in both the private and public sector.

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