

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 10, 2018

To recognize and congratulate the Greater Washington Urban League on its 80th anniversary and to recognize the organization for its many accomplishments and achievements.

WHEREAS, the Greater Washington Urban League was founded in 1938 and is one of 100 affiliates of the National Urban League;

WHEREAS, the Greater Washington Urban League's mission is to increase the economic and political empowerment of blacks and other minorities and to help all Americans share equally in the responsibilities and rewards of full citizenship;

WHEREAS, the Greater Washington Urban League's 40-member Board of Directors represents a cross-section of individuals from the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, and an Advisory Board provides expertise and guidance to support the organization's work;

WHEREAS, the Greater Washington Urban League works diligently to ensure that everyone in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area is empowered and on the road to self-sufficiency through a variety of innovative community service programs;

WHEREAS, as the region's oldest civil rights organization, the Greater Washington Urban League has worked tirelessly for a just and more equitable society serving residents in Washington, D.C., Montgomery County, Maryland, and Prince George's County, Maryland;

WHEREAS, the Greater Washington Urban League administers programs in education; employment and training; housing and community development; health promotion; financial literacy; and emergency assistance;

WHEREAS, the Greater Washington Urban League promotes and supports entrepreneurship in the Washington Metropolitan area thru the Greater Washington Urban League Entrepreneurship Center, one of 13 entrepreneurship centers across the United States operated by the National Urban League;

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WHEREAS, the Greater Washington Urban League is committed to providing students with higher education opportunities, and in partnership with corporate sponsors, the organization has facilitated the distribution of more than \$2 million in scholarships to more than 300 young adults;

WHEREAS, since its inception 80 years ago, the Greater Washington Urban League has impacted over 5 million lives, using the approaches of social work, advocacy, law, and other disciplines;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2018, the Greater Washington Urban League celebrated its 80th anniversary at the 46th Annual Whitney M. Young Memorial Gala held at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of President and CEO George H. Lambert, Jr., the Greater Washington Urban League continues to provide opportunities, empower communities, and improve the quality of life for historically vulnerable and diverse populations in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Greater Washington Urban League 80th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates the Greater Washington Urban League for 80 years of service and advocacy, and commends the organization for its 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.