

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 26, 2018

To honor Martin's Tavern on the occasion of the celebration of its 85th anniversary and to declare June 26, 2018, as "Martin's Tavern Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Martin's Tavern has had the honor of serving every president from Harry S. Truman to George W. Bush, all before they were president;

WHEREAS, George H.W. Bush frequented Martin's Tavern when he was CIA Director, Bill Clinton did so as a Georgetown University student, and Senator John F. Kennedy proposed to Miss Jacqueline Lee Bouvier there on June 25, 1953;

WHEREAS, in the late 1890s, William S. Martin traveled from Galway, Ireland to America and, 40 years later, he and his son, William G. Martin, opened Martin's Tavern on the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and N Street, N.W.;

WHEREAS, it was 1933, in the midst of the Great Depression and the beginning of the Repeal of Prohibition, that William G. Martin, a graduate of Georgetown University, was enjoying a career in professional baseball, football, and basketball;

WHEREAS, successful in business and sports, William G. Martin earned a seat as a Georgetown University Athletic Hall-of-Famer;

WHEREAS, in 1949, William G. Martin's son, William A. Martin, joined Martin's Tavern after serving in the Navy during World War II;

WHEREAS, William A. Martin attended Georgetown University Medical School and excelled as a Golden Gloves boxer and Pro-Am golfer;

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WHEREAS, the warm atmosphere of Martin’s Tavern has welcomed neighbors and world travelers looking for great food, service, and years of history; and

WHEREAS, fourth generation Billy Martin, Jr. continues the tradition of Washington’s D.C.’s oldest family-owned restaurant and Georgetown landmark.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Martin’s Tavern 85th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia is immensely proud to recognize, honor, and express its overwhelming gratitude to Billy Martin and his family for their many years of service to the residents of the District of Columbia and declares June 26, 2018, as “Martin’s Tavern 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.