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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

<u>22-371</u>

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2018

To recognize and honor Leon Bournes for his dedication and commitment to helping District residents develop healthier lifestyles, decreasing health disparities in the District of Columbia, and educating District residents on the importance of nutrition and a balanced diet.

WHEREAS, Leon Bournes is a native Washingtonian who graduated from Archbishop Carrol High School, where he played football and lacrosse;

WHEREAS, in 2008, Leon Bournes received a Sports Management degree from Lynchburg College, where he also played lacrosse;

WHEREAS, within one year of being employed at his first professional job as a Fitness Membership Sales Consultant, Leon Bournes was promoted to Personal Training Sales Director at one of the top health club chains in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Leon Bournes managed 3 fitness facilities and produced more than a \$360,000 increase in personal training sales revenue;

WHEREAS, in 2011, Leon Bournes founded Bourne 2 Fly, LLC, to establish fitness communities across the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, in 2017, Leon Bournes opened a community-focused fitness studio in the Ward 5 Brookland neighborhood;

WHEREAS, Bourne 2 Fly Fitness hosts free yoga and boot camp classes to encourage fitness in the community;

WHEREAS, Leon Bournes has helped hundreds of people throughout the city by hosting various community service projects;

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WHEREAS, Bourne 2 Fly Fitness serves as an incubator to help other fitness professionals grow their businesses and brands;

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross partners with Bourne 2 Fly Fitness to provide onsite cardiopulmonary resuscitation training for clients;

WHEREAS, the mission of Bourne 2 Fly, LLC demonstrates Leon Bournes' dedication to entrepreneurship and giving back to his community;

WHEREAS, Leon Bournes provides innovative fitness services to diverse communities in the District and gives back to youth;

WHEREAS, Leon Bournes is a Board Member of WINNERS Lacrosse, a nonprofit organization that provides Washington, D.C. youth from underserved communities the opportunity to learn lacrosse and the life skills associated with playing a team sport; and

WHEREAS, Leon Bournes is committed to ensuring that District residents live a healthy and active lifestyle.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution be cited as the "Leon Bournes Recognition Resolution of 2018".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Leon Bournes for his dedication and commitment to entrepreneurship and community service, decreasing health disparities in the District of Columbia, educating residents on the importance of nutrition and being active, and helping residents develop healthier lifestyles.

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