

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 18, 2018

To recognize and honor the Global Scholars Foundation for creating a language and cultural immersion program for District of Columbia teens that promotes the 4 components of global competence through a year-long program delivered to students 14 through 18 years of age.

WHEREAS, the Global Scholars Foundation (“GSF”) was established in 2006 by the H Street Community Development Corporation (“HSCDC”) as an education and youth empowerment program to develop global competency for District of Columbia public and public charter school students;

WHEREAS, GSF has existed for 12 years and has served approximately 200 District of Columbia students;

WHEREAS, GSF Fellows participate in a comprehensive program of cultural immersion for District of Columbia teens that promotes the 4 components of global competence (international awareness, appreciation of cultural diversity, proficiency in foreign languages, and competitive skills), coupled with college readiness and financial literacy;

WHEREAS, 100% of GSF Fellows have graduated from District of Columbia public and public charter high schools, with 90% going on to attend more than 26 different college and universities;

WHEREAS, GSF Fellows have taken national and international educational tours, visiting 6 continents (Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and North and South America) and 8 U.S. states;

WHEREAS, GSF Fellows have studied 5 languages (Arabic, Mandarin, Portuguese, Spanish, and American Sign Language); and

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WHEREAS, GSF is celebrating the work of the organization by hosting its inaugural Gala, *Unlocking Dreams*, on September 29, 2018, at Trinity Washington University.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Global Scholars Foundation Recognition Resolution of 2018".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Colombia recognizes, appreciates, and thanks HSCDC and the Global Scholars Foundation for providing assistance to worthy students who want to increase their global competence and become global citizens;

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