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6 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION
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9 COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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11 To recognize and honor Trinity Episcopal Church for its distinguished service to
12 the District of Columbia and on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary.

13 WHEREAS, in 1887, the Reverend James C. Dorsey, a former Episcopal
14 missionary, moved from the Dakota Territory to Takoma Park, outside of the District of
15 Columbia and invited his neighbors to his home for the community's first Episcopal
16 Church service;

17 WHEREAS, service attendance increases necessitated the purchase of land for a
18 church in the District of Columbia;

19 WHEREAS, Takoma Parish was erected at the present-day location of 7005 Piney
20 Branch Road, NW with opening services held November 26, 1893;

21 WHEREAS, in 1895, the Diocese of Washington was established with the Takoma
22 area given independent status the following year as Takoma Parish, with the Reverend
23 George H. Johnson as Trinity's first rector;

24 WHEREAS, on March 7, 1937, a new church building opened for services after a
25 year-long replacement campaign, followed by a new rectory in March of 1941, and the
26 enlargement of the Parish Hall in September of 1950;

27 WHEREAS, in 1941, the Diocese of Washington changed the name of the Takoma
28 Parish to the Trinity Parish;

29 WHEREAS, Trinity Episcopal Church enjoys a rich tapestry representing many
30 cultures and countries within its community and has a diverse cross-culture population
31 of more than twenty countries and nationalities represented;

32 WHEREAS, the Trinity Parish is involved in community-building and outreach
33 activities including programs such as House Church, Advent Circle, the Trinity
34 Education Arts Music Ministry, the Ministry to Homeless Women, an annual Christmas
35 dinner for HIV/ AIDS victims and the homeless, and the Trinity Volunteer Corps, which

36 is a community for young adults seeking to transform society through service and social
37 justice;

38 WHEREAS, in 2000, Reverend Canon John T. W. Harmon accepted the call as
39 Rector and Pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church, and under his leadership the church has
40 grown and prospered;

41 WHEREAS, in 2006, Trinity Episcopal Church organized the first Clergy
42 Leadership Summit on HIV/ AIDS in the Nation's Capital, with more than 300 churches
43 participating;

44 WHEREAS, Trinity Episcopal Church remains a pillar of the Ward 4 community;

45 WHEREAS, on October 14, 2018, Trinity Episcopal Church will celebrate its 125th
46 anniversary; and

47 WHEREAS, after 125 years of service to the District of Columbia, Trinity Episcopal
48 Church continues to be a spiritual leader and continues to expand its outreach and social
49 service activities in the community.

50 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
51 resolution may be cited as the "Trinity Episcopal Church 125th Anniversary Ceremonial
52 Recognition Resolution of 2018".

53 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors Trinity Episcopal Church for its many
54 contributions to Ward 4 and the District of Columbia over the past 125 years

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