

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 16, 2018

To honor and recognize the work of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

WHEREAS, since 1968, the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs has worked to create legal, economic, and social equity through litigation, client and public education, and public policy advocacy;

WHEREAS, the Washington Lawyers' Committee was born in response to conditions described in the Kerner Commission, created by President Lyndon Johnson following a summer of rebellion in dozens of U.S. cities;

WHEREAS, the Washington Lawyers' Committee's work centers around the following priorities: creating equal opportunity to economic stability for individuals and families; challenging the conditions that force racial and economic segregation that limit options for safe, decent, and affordable housing based on race and national origin; reducing barriers to public services and public accommodations; creating equal opportunity for education; and reducing the impact of an unfair criminal system;

WHEREAS, the Washington Lawyers' Committee recognizes the central role that current and historic race discrimination plays in sustaining inequity and recognizes the critical importance of identifying, exposing, combatting, and dismantling the systems that sustain racial oppression;

WHEREAS, the Washington Lawyers' Committee has marshalled the resources of some of the most talented members of the private bar to address some of the most pressing civil rights issues over the last 5 decades;

WHEREAS, the Washington Lawyers' Committee has a long record of achievement that has made employment, housing, education, public accommodations, and public services open to all without regard to race, gender, disability, immigration status, or other protected status; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Lawyers' Committee has fought for fairness in the criminal justice system and for the constitutional treatment of prisoners.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs 50th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs for its commitment to dismantling injustice and pursuing lasting change.

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