

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 5, 2019

To celebrate and recognize Davis Barber Service and the owners of the establishment, Mr. Derek E. Davis and Mr. Marsten L. Davis.

WHEREAS, Mr. Derek E. Davis is an award-winning barber and a committed instructor dedicated to serving and teaching those in his community;

WHEREAS, Mr. Derek E. Davis received his education in the District of Columbia Public Schools system and graduated from Anacostia High School while simultaneously obtaining a barbering license;

WHEREAS, Mr. Marsten L. Davis graduated from H.D. Woodson High School;

WHEREAS, Mr. Derek E. Davis attended the University of Maryland and earned a bachelor's degree in communications in only 3 years;

WHEREAS, Mr. Derek E. Davis was able to utilize his barbering skills and communications degree to launch a successful barbering career spanning over 50 years;

WHEREAS, Mr. Derek E. Davis has served as site evaluator for the District of Columbia's Education Licensure Commission and was appointed as the chair of the Barber and Cosmetology Board to research continuing education for licensure renewal;

WHEREAS, Mr. Derek E. Davis assisted with writing for the D. C. Barber Handbook and wrote the Barber Instructor Practical Exam;

WHEREAS, Mr. Derek E. Davis wrote the first curriculum for barbering science for the District of Columbia Public Schools in 1982 and was honored with the Teacher of the Year Award for the 1982-83 school year;

WHEREAS, in 2001, Mr. Derek E. Davis designed, implemented, and managed the first state-of-the-art barbering program in the District's school system;

WHEREAS, Mr. Derek E. Davis initiated and directed every component of the barbering program, which included developing the budget and the floor-plan expansion, overseeing construction, procuring equipment and supplies, and designing the curriculum;

WHEREAS, Mr. Derek E. Davis and Mr. Marsten L. Davis prepared exercises to introduce students to real-world work experiences and managed the classroom for maximum participation and cooperation;

WHEREAS, Mr. Derek E. Davis and Mr. Marsten L. Davis often supervise students in providing free haircuts to homeless veterans;

WHEREAS, Mr. Derek E. Davis and Mr. Marsten L. Davis own and operate Davis Barber Service.

WHEREAS, Davis Barber Service has been in the Ward 8 community for 50 years and is still located on Livingston Road;

WHEREAS, Davis Barber Service is a staple institution in the Ward 8 community, servicing multiple generations of patrons;

WHEREAS, Mr. Marsten L. Davis continues to provide barbering expertise to the community by encouraging youth at the Ballou Stay High School program to embark on careers in barbering;

WHEREAS, Mr. Marsten L. Davis operates a barbering education program at Ballou Stay High School;

WHEREAS, Mr. Marsten L. Davis served as the examiner for the Barbering Board;

WHEREAS, Davis Barber Service continues to serve the District and has become a staple institution in the Ward 8 community;

WHEREAS, Mr. Derek E. Davis and Marsten L. Davis dedicate their lives to being mentors, leaders, and inspirations to all within their community; and

WHEREAS, Davis Barber Service, Mr. Derek E. Davis, and Mr. Marsten L. Davis continue to touch the lives of many in the District of Columbia with exceptional teaching skills and barbering services.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Derek E. Davis, Marsten L. Davis, and Davis Barber Service Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Derek E. Davis, Marsten L. Davis, and Davis Barber Service for years of dedication and service to the District of Columbia.

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