

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 25, 2019

To posthumously honor the nine victims who lost their lives and remember the 80 who were injured as well as the first responders on the 10th anniversary of the Metro crash between Fort Totten and Takoma stations on June 22, 2009;

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2009 two metro rail trains collided on the red line between Fort Totten and Takoma;

WHEREAS, the collision marked the worst accident in the history of Metro, killing 9 and injuring 80;

WHEREAS, the 9 fatalities were Maj. Gen. David F. Wherley Jr., Ann Wherley, LaVonda “Nikki” King, Ana Fernandez, Veronica DuBose, Dennis Hawkins, Mary Doolittle, Cameron Williams, and Jeanice McMillan;

WHEREAS, those who passed away included a general, an entrepreneur, a public-school teacher, a nursing student, advocates, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, spouses and partners;

WHEREAS, the nine people who perished were all valuable members of our District of Columbia community and helped countless people before their untimely deaths;

WHEREAS, 80 other people were injured in the collision and first responders were on the scene within minutes of the events and were critical in making sure the tragedy was not made worse;

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2012 Ward 4 Councilmember Muriel Bowser had a plaque placed at Fort Totten station to remember the victims of the collision;

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2014 Mayor Vincent C. Gray broke ground on Legacy Memorial park to honor the 9 fatalities;

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WHEREAS, on June 22, 2015 Mayor Muriel Bowser opened the Legacy Memorial Park to honor the 9 victims who lost their lives in the crash and provide their family, friends and communities with a place of solace and remembrance; and

WHEREAS, June 22, 2019 marks 10 years since the horrific event occurred, and we will never forget those who perished that day.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “10th Anniversary of the Metro Collision and Victim Remembrance Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council posthumously honors the 9 victims of the June 22, 2009 collision as well as the 80 injured and first responders who all had their life altered that day.

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