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Councilmember Brandon T. Todd

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the the Davis Center and to celebrate Beatrice Davis-Williams for her hard work in the dance community.

WHEREAS, the Davis Center is a dance studio that was founded in 1969 by Beatrice E. Davis-Williams who continues to serve as Artistic Director;

WHEREAS, Beatrice E. Davis-Williams envisioned an invaluable institution that consistently succeeds at giving young people in the District of Columbia easy access to dance and related arts;

WHEREAS, Beatrice E. Davis-Williams has served as a member of the dance faculty at Howard University, as a commissioner on the D.C. Commission for the Arts and Humanities, a dance therapist at Oak Hill Youth Detention Center, a board member of both Erika Thimey Dance & Theater, Inc. and Sutradhar Dance Institute and is a Fellow in the prestigious Cecchetti Council of America;

WHEREAS, Beatrice E. Davis-Williams has been recognized for her contributions to Washington, D.C. by the Greater Washington Urban League's Whitney M. Young, Jr. Community Service Award in 2001 and the Howard University Institute of Urban Affairs and Research International Women's Year;

WHEREAS, over the past half century the Davis Center has trained thousands of young people in ballet, tap, modern, hip-hop and other dance forms through a process that requires consistent attendance, proper dance attire, and a firm commitment to learning;

WHEREAS, in addition to providing its students with a strong foundation in dance and the performing arts, the Davis Center also teaches its students the importance of caring for others through ongoing community service projects such as collecting and distributing food, clothing, money, toys, and school supplies to needy children and their families as well as dancing at senior citizen centers, hospitals, churches, schools, and community centers across the Washington, D.C. area;

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WHEREAS, the Davis Center holds a biennial dance recital, which in past years was held at Howard University’s Cramton Auditorium and the University of District of Columbia auditoriums;

WHEREAS, on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 the Davis Center will hold their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Brunch to celebrate their history and to recognize Beatrice E. Davis-Williams and the dance studio’s many alumni; and

WHEREAS, the Davis Center is a fixture in the Ward 4 and Washington, D.C. community and has helped so many youth follow their passion of dancing.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Davis Center Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes the outstanding history and longstanding work of both Beatrice E. Davis-Williams and the Davis Center;

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