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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-170

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 7, 2019

To recognize and honor Dr. James W. Baldwin for a lifetime of service to the nation and the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Dr. James W. Baldwin was born on July 11, 1924 in Wagram, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, Dr. Baldwin was inducted into the U.S. Army on December 14, 1942 under the Army Specialized Training Program at Fort Bragg, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, Dr. Baldwin was assigned to the 784th Tank Battalion, and trained at Fort Knox, Kentucky, Camp Hood, Texas and Camp Claiborne, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Dr. Baldwin was promoted to the rank of Corporal, and assigned to the Mortar Platoon as a gunner;

WHEREAS, Dr. Baldwin's unit embarked for the European Theater of Operations in October of 1944, saw its first combat on Christmas Day of 1944, and fought through the Rhineland and Central Europe;

WHEREAS, in recognition of his service during World War II, Dr. Baldwin received the American Theater Campaign Medal, the Eame Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal;

WHEREAS, upon returning to the United States, Dr. Baldwin enrolled at Howard University, thanks to the G.I. Bill;

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WHEREAS, Dr. Baldwin graduated from Howard University with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Social Work, then received his Doctorate Degree in Public Administration from Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida;

WHEREAS, upon completing his university education, Dr. Baldwin began working for the District Government;

WHEREAS, from 1953 to 1958, Dr. Baldwin served as a Social Worker for the Department of Corrections at Lorton Reformatory;

WHEREAS, from 1958 to 1966, Dr. Baldwin worked as a Probation Officer and then as a Supervisory Probation Officer at the Court of General Sessions;

WHEREAS, from 1966 to 1969, Dr. Baldwin served as Executive Director for the Citizens' Information Service;

WHEREAS, from 1969 to 1970, Dr. Baldwin served as a Management Analyst in the Office of Budget and Executive Management;

WHEREAS, from 1970 to 1979, Dr. Baldwin served as the Director of the DC Office of Human Rights and as Special Assistant for Human Relations to Mayor Walter Washington;

WHEREAS, outside of his occupation, Dr. Baldwin also served his community as Vice Chair of the DC Statehood Commission, Campaign Manager for former Ward 7 Councilmember H.R. Crawford, President and Founding Member of the Penn Branch Civic Association, Chair of the Southeast Neighborhood House, Delegate to the Democratic State Convention, Senior Warden at the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, and Treasurer and Chaplin of Brotherhood of Saint Andrew;

WHEREAS, Dr. Baldwin was married to the late Anne M. Baldwin for 65 years, is father to three daughters (Brenda Baldwin-Marshall, Bonita Baldwin-Jones, and the late Barbara Miller), 5 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Dr. Baldwin currently resides at 3818 Pope Street, SE, and has been a resident of Ward 7 for the past 65 years.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA that this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. James W. Baldwin Recognition Resolution of 2019".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Dr. James W. Baldwin for his lifetime of service to the nation and 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.