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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 5, 2019

To posthumously honor the life of Firefighter Technician Alex “Big Al” Graham for his dedication and 17 years of service to the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department and the residents of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Firefighter Technician Alex Graham was appointed to the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (“the Department”) and assigned to Engine 21, Platoon 4;

WHEREAS, Firefighter Technician Alex Graham served the residents of the District of Columbia for 17 years as a part of the “Alley Rats” crew located in the Adams Morgan neighborhood;

WHEREAS, Firefighter Technician Alex Graham was named the Department’s 2018 Firefighter of the Year;

WHEREAS, Firefighter Technician Alex Graham played a key role at the Department’s Fleet Maintenance Division where he assisted with small engine repair and maintenance, inventory management of small tools and appliances, and market research of new and improved technology for tools and appliances;

WHEREAS, Firefighter Technician Alex Graham proactively annually tested waterflow through 68 engines to ensure they were working properly and could pump 1,250 gallons of water a minute;

WHEREAS, Firefighter Technician Alex Graham conducted repairs on the Department’s 500 ground ladders;

WHEREAS, Firefighter Technician Alex Graham went above and beyond his duties in serving the Department and ensuring the safety of its apparatus;

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WHEREAS, Firefighter Technician Alex Graham's dedication to the Department and to his colleagues exemplified the true meaning of public service; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Technician Alex Graham was the 101st firefighter since 1856 to give his life in the line of duty.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the "Firefighter Technician Alex Graham Posthumous Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia posthumously recognizes, honors, and celebrates Firefighter Technician Alex Graham for his distinguished service and extensive contributions 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.