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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To celebrate the 35th Annual Tuxedo Ball and to recognize the event for all it has done for African Americans and recognizing Black achievement in the United States.

WHEREAS, the Tuxedo Ball was first held in 1984 and was started to recognize and celebrate the tradition of Black achievement in the United States by bringing together the children and grandchildren of successful African Americans;

WHEREAS, the mission of the Tuxedo Ball is to reaffirm and pass on values of excellence in achievement, family accomplishment, dignity, a legacy of leadership, as well as a commitment to extol the characteristics of their part of the black culture as it has existed for over one-hundred and fifty years;

WHEREAS, the Tuxedo Ball provides exposure to strategies, educational opportunities, and coping skills to young African Americans, which will allow them to process situations in the workplace, in educational settings and in society at large;

WHEREAS, the Tuxedo Ball provides young African Americans opportunities to interact with professionals who are leaders in their fields and seeks to empower them to enter the competitive workforce with the skill sets that are needed for success;

WHEREAS, every year the Tuxedo Ball is preceded by two seminars, one addressing psychological issues and the other addressing life and career issues in politics, professions, or academia, with the purpose of teaching young African Americans the issues they may face and how to cope with them;

43 WHEREAS, the Tuxedo Ball is a four-course family dinner dance with a live band and
44 an award ceremony that recognizes African Americans for excellence in their professions or as
45 Tuxedo Ball Scholars for their well-rounded excellence in leadership, talent, or academics;
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47 WHEREAS, previous awardees have included African Americans such as Dennis
48 Hightower, Isabel Stewart, Rosalie Gordon-Mills, Ernest Drew Jarvis III, Roland Burris, Wayne
49 Frederick, and many more;
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51 WHEREAS, in 2008 the Tuxedo Ball was featured on CNN in the documentary, “Black
52 in America, Part II – The Black Elite” which was produced by Soledad O’Brien;
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54 WHEREAS, the 35th Annual Tuxedo Ball will take place at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in
55 Washington, D.C. and is being organized by Dr. Carlotta Miles; and
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57 .WHEREAS; the Tuxedo Ball is known for bringing African American families and
58 students together from all over the United States to celebrate their achievements.
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60 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, This
61 resolution may be cited as the “35th Annual Tuxedo Ball Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of
62 2019”.

63 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the Tuxedo Ball as it
64 celebrates its 35th year and celebrates the remarkable achievements of the African American
65 community.
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67 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take into effect immediately upon the first date of publication
68 in the District of Columbia Registrar.