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Councilmember Brandon T. Todd

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To posthumously celebrate the life of Garland F. Pinkston, Jr., a native Washingtonian and Ward 4 resident for over 20 years.

WHEREAS, Garland F. Pinkston, Jr. was a 1965 graduate of Western High School, now known as Duke Ellington School of the Arts, in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Garland F. Pinkston, Jr. received a bachelor's in business administration from George Washington University, and a Juris Doctor from Boston University School of Law;

WHEREAS, at George Washington University, Garland F. Pinkston Jr. helped found the Black Student Union and was the first African American to play on the varsity basketball team;

WHEREAS, Garland F. Pinkston, Jr. worked for 10 years in the civil rights arena, first with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and then the Center for National Policy Review, a nonprofit civil rights research and advocacy organization affiliated with the Catholic University law school;

WHEREAS, at the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Garland F. Pinkston, Jr. was selected to be the only representative of the Commission on President Jimmy Carter's Civil Rights Reorganization Task Force, which proposed measures, approved by the President and Congress, to improve the administration and enforcement of federal Equal Employment Opportunity laws;

WHEREAS, Garland F. Pinkston, Jr. held two cabinet level positions in the administrations of Mayor Marion S. Barry, as Director of Intergovernmental Relations and as Acting Corporation Counsel, presently know as Attorney General of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, in 1966, Garland F. Pinkston, Jr. was appointed to Clerk of the Court for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, where he was the first African American to hold this position;

37 WHEREAS, as the Clerk of the Court, Garland F. Pinkston, Jr. served as the Chief
38 Management Officer of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals;

39 WHEREAS, Garland F. Pinkston, Jr. directed a staff of 45 persons, assigned to four
40 divisions, with responsibility for case management, bar admissions and disciplinary
41 matters, personnel, and financial, facilities, and records management;

42 WHEREAS, Garland F. Pinkston, Jr. was predeceased by his parents Garland Sr.
43 and Grace Pinkston of Washington, D.C.

44 WHEREAS, Garland F. Pinkston, Jr. was the proud parent of Brandon DeCosta
45 Pinkston, devoted father-in-law to Adrienne, 'Pop Pop' to his beloved granddaughters
46 Gabrielle and Victoria, and loving brother to his dear sister Sheila G. Pinkston;

47 WHEREAS, Garland F. Pinkston, Jr. was known for his lifetime of service to his
48 community, which he cherished; and

49 WHEREAS, Garland F. Pinkston, Jr. will be remembered for his intellect, his wit,
50 his sense of humor, his love of music, his hobby and avocation of making music CD's
51 from Garland's Music Factory, his commitment to excellence, his generosity, and his
52 never-ending willingness to help anyone in need that he met.

53 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
54 resolution may be cited as the "Garland F. Pinkston, Jr. Posthumous Recognition
55 Resolution of 2020".

56 Sec. 2. The Council posthumously honors Garland F. Pinkston, Jr. for his lifelong
57 commitment to bettering those around him, his community, and the District of Columbia
58 as well as the positive impact he had on so many.

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