

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 7, 2020

To recognize and honor Fred Taylor for his service to the poor and disadvantaged children of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Fred Taylor was born on May 23, 1932 in Princeton, Kentucky. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Vanderbilt University in 1954 and a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School in 1957;

WHEREAS, Fred Taylor began his career as a minister in Northern Virginia;

WHEREAS, Fred Taylor left his position as a Pastor and joined President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty as a counselor for the District of Columbia Work Training Opportunity Center;

WHEREAS, Fred Taylor devoted the remainder of his career to disadvantaged children becoming the founding Executive Director of For Love of Children (FLOC), a pioneering, community-based child and family service organization which provides counseling, educational and training opportunities to thousands of needy, neglected and homeless children;

WHEREAS, Fred Taylor was instrumental in the closing of Junior Village in 1973, a District center for impoverished children which had gone from being a state-of-the-art children's center, to becoming an overcrowded place that was abusive to its clients;

WHEREAS, Fred Taylor was named "Washingtonian of the Year" by Washingtonian Magazine in January 2002;

WHEREAS, Fred Taylor served the District as a Board member for the Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation;

WHEREAS, Fred Taylor passed on the knowledge and expertise he gained working with poor children through his book "Roll Away the Stone: Saving America's Children" where he portrays the 3 essential elements for ending persistent poverty in the United States: the removal of structural barriers that the poor cannot move themselves; the participation of the poor in their own liberation; and step-by-step release from the vicious cycles that perpetuate poverty;

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WHEREAS, Fred Taylor passed away on November 23, 2019;

WHEREAS, Fred Taylor is survived by his wife, Sherrill P. Taylor, 3 children (Sarah Harris, F. Chapman Taylor, and Grace Taylor), a stepdaughter Jocelyn Kovalenko, and 8 grandchildren.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Fred Taylor Recognition Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors and posthumously thanks Fred Taylor for his service to the poor and disadvantaged children of the District of Columbia.

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