

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 3, 2020

To recognize and celebrate Ronald L. Moten for his years of activism, dedication and service to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Mr. Moten is a fifth generation Washingtonian who attended Roosevelt Senior High School in Washington, D.C. and Park Community College in Danbury, Connecticut;

WHEREAS, his early challenges and experience of incarceration laid the foundation to open his mind to the power of change and activism;

WHEREAS, Mr. Moten worked as the Spokesperson and Outreach Coordinator for Cease Fire Don't Smoke the Brothers to promote peace and positive engagement of youth throughout the nation;

WHEREAS, he sharpened and developed his skills in conflict resolution. Mr. Moten negotiated many truces between both male and female gangs and crews and helped broker over 40 truces in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Mr. Moten's aspirations led him to be a co-founder and CEO of the Peaceholics;

WHEREAS, he sent over 160 at-risk youth to college and many have returned to the community to serve as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners;

WHEREAS, Mr. Moten assisted the District in developing numerous initiatives to combat violence to include: Violence Intervention Partnership (VIP), Saving Our Sisters and Rebuild the Village Model;

WHEREAS, he has served as an advisor to government and national leaders to strengthen and deepen the work to move young people away from a life of violence to one of peace and self-sufficiency;

WHEREAS, Mr. Moten has served as a consultant with the Jack Kemp Foundation for more than 6 years focusing on leadership and empowerment of local at-risk or impoverished youth;

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WHEREAS, he is credited with transforming leaders of a local gay gang to productive citizens with their own business of “Check It Enterprises” located in S.E. Anacostia, Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Mr. Moten is also the co-founder of the Don’t Mute DC Movement which has broadened its mission after he and Howard University professor Natalie Hopkinson created the petition that collected over 80,000 signatures that helped bring back the music to 7<sup>th</sup> and Florida Ave. N.W;

WHEREAS, Check It Enterprises and Don’t Mute DC movement are helping to preserve a part of DC culture by partnering to open the Go-Go Museum in late Spring of 2020;

WHEREAS, Mr. Moten has received numerous awards and recognition for his activism and community service for more than 20 years.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Ronald L. Moten Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2020.”

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Mr. Moten for his service to the District.

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