

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 3, 2020

To recognize and celebrate Miles Rawls for over 20 years of activism and service to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Mr. Rawls was born and raised in the Barry Farm Housing Projects of Washington D.C.;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rawls attended Birney Elementary, Frederick Douglass Jr. High school and Frank Ballou Sr. High School where he graduated in 1981;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rawls joined the United States Army serving from 1983 to 1995 and was honorably discharged;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rawls joined the Federal Protective Service, Department of Homeland Security as a Federal Officer in 1997;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rawls has and still is serving diligently in this role;

WHEREAS, In the summer of 1977 the Barry Farm Community Summer Basketball League was formed at the Barry Farm Housing Projects;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rawls took over the Barry Farm Community Summer Basketball League in 1996;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rawls renamed the basketball program the George Goodman League in 2000 to honor Mr. George "PAP" Goodman, who was tragically killed in the mid 1980's;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rawls has grown the Goodman League into the #1 Summer Basketball League in the Country;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rawls is currently in his 24th year as the Commissioner of the Goodman League;

WHEREAS, today the Goodman League is the best summer league in the country. They provide a fun, safe, family reunion environment in Washington D.C.;

WHEREAS, the Goodman League features some of the top high schools, street ball, overseas basketball, and National Basketball Association players including Gilbert Arenas, Kevin Durant, Michael Beasley, Bradley Beal and John Wall;

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WHEREAS, Mr. Rawls was honored by Councilmember Trayon White in 2018 with a day named in his honor;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rawls was honored by Mayor Muriel Bowser in 2016 for over 20 years of community service with a Key to the City;

WHEREAS, Mr. Rawls gives back to his community with his annual Thanksgiving basket giveaway, annual toy drive, backpack and school supplies giveaway and a host of other meaningful community service events.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Miles Rawls and the Goodman League Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2020.”

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Mr. Rawls in his service to the community and engaging the District through summer basketball.

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