

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 3, 2020

To recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Samuel Edward McCoy as he celebrates his 85th birthday on February 28, 2020.

WHEREAS, Samuel Edward McCoy was born on February 28, 1935 in Washington, DC, where he grew up and graduated from Dunbar High School;

WHEREAS, Samuel Edward McCoy joined the United States Naval Reserve at the age of 19, and served the United States in this capacity for 34 years;

WHEREAS, Samuel Edward McCoy graduated from District of Columbia Teachers College in 1962;

WHEREAS, Samuel Edward McCoy has been a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity for over 50 years, serving in various leadership capacities including a member of the Executive Committee of the fraternity's signature youth project – WKAY 100 Life Management and Leadership for Court Appointed Youth and a member of the Board of Directors of the Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund;

WHEREAS, following his graduation, Samuel Edward McCoy began his professional career as a Physical Oceanographer at the former United States Coast and Geodetic Survey before obtaining a Master of Science from Frostburg State University and subsequently his Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration from California Coast University;

WHEREAS, Samuel Edward McCoy served as Technical Manager and Supervisory Physical Oceanographer for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, where he prepared comprehensive five-year plans for the overall federal efforts in ocean pollution research and policies and procedures for plan implementation;

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WHEREAS, while at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Samuel Edward McCoy was responsible for the annual preparation, management, and publication of 6 volumes of predicted tides and tidal current tables, earning him The Department of Commerce Special Achievement Award for Special Bicentennial Predictions of Tides and Currents in New York Harbor, 1976;

WHEREAS, in addition to establishing himself as an Expert Oceanographer, Samuel Edward McCoy was also recognized by the Department of Commerce for his pioneering contributions to equal employment opportunities, such as helping to found NOAA Employees Against Discrimination;

WHEREAS, following his retirement continued Samuel Edward McCoy commitment to science through teaching and mentoring students;

WHEREAS, Samuel Edward McCoy was responsible for designing and implementing a program at West Elementary School to teach young students about the marine sciences;

WHEREAS, Samuel Edward McCoy has been a leader in professional, civic, and social organizations most of his life and has had an immense impact on our country, the District and Ward 4; and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2020, Samuel Edward McCoy will turn 85 years old and will celebrate this special occasion at the Xi Omega Center.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Samuel Edward McCoy 85th Birthday Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes Samuel Edward McCoy on his 85th birthday for the impact that he has had on the oceanography field, his advocacy and his innovation in our schools.

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