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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-288

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 22, 2020

To recognize Dwain L. Worsley on the occasion of his passing.

WHEREAS, Dwain Lennard Worsley, affectionately known as “Lenny,” was born November 19, 1956 in Whitakers, North Carolina as the second of 4 children born to James Lee and Zella M. Worsley, whose children also included his siblings James K., Dr. Cynthia D. (deceased) and Kothia N. Worsley;

WHEREAS, Dwain L. Worsley attended Bertie Backus Elementary School and LaSalle Junior High School before graduating with the 1974 Class of Calvin Coolidge Senior High School;

WHEREAS, Dwain L. Worsley enrolled in the historic Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee in the Fall of 1974 and graduated in the Class of 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Business Management;

WHEREAS, Dwain L. Worsley met his former wife, Terri Thompson, while at Fisk and the 2 married in 1979 and had 2 sons, Dwain II and Devin, Sr.;

WHEREAS, Dwain L. Worsley was a Life Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated as well as a member of the Omega Life Membership Foundation, having been initiated into the Eta Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated during his time at Fisk University as the 6th Karat of the Fall 1975 bad line of “17 Karat Gold”;

WHEREAS, Dwain L. Worsley was a life member of the General Alumni Association of Fisk University (GAAFU), member of the Calvin Coolidge Senior High School Alumni Association, and various community organizations;

WHEREAS, Dwain L. Worsley earned a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and Investments from The George Washington University in 1985;

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WHEREAS, Dwain L. Worsley was the Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of the family business founded in 1970 by his parents James and Zella, Worsley Enterprises, Incorporated, which grew into a thriving family business, owned several properties in Washington, D.C. and in North Carolina and provided exceptional real estate services, commercial property development and management for more than 54 years;

WHEREAS, Dwain L. Worsley was member of the Ward 5 Business Association and negotiated with former Mayor Marion S. Barry and former Ward 7 Councilmember H.R. Crawford to build the first methadone clinic East of the River in Ward 7 that later opened under the leadership of former Mayor Sharon Pratt;

WHEREAS, Dwain L. Worsley was a quiet, respectable gentleman and a friend to many and showed his love for them and his family by giving back to the community that nurtured him;

WHEREAS, Dwain L. Worsley worked over the years with his mother and through his family business to make many contributions to church, business, political campaigns and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dwain L. Worsley departed this life on the morning of July 24, 2020 after a long illness.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Dwain L. Worsley Recognition Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors and celebrates the life of Dwain L. Worsley.

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