

**ENROLLED ORIGINAL**

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-335

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 1, 2020

To recognize and honor Stephen Whatley for his charitable and civic contributions to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Stephen Whatley is a graduate and noted alumnus of West Virginia State University where he received his B.A. in Economics, and he also holds a Master of Business Administration from Southern Illinois University;

WHEREAS, Stephen Whatley served for 22 years in the United States Army, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel with the United States Army Reserve where he served as an Assistant Inspector General;

WHEREAS, from 1977 to 1980 Stephen Whatley served an economist for the Bureau of Economic Analysis in Washington D.C., measuring the impact of inflation on Department of Defense non-classified expenditures;

WHEREAS, from 1980 to 2001 Stephen Whatley served as a Senior Financial Analyst in the Office of Thrift Supervision in Washington, D.C., where he designed and conducted professionally challenging research projects and prepared reports on the novel and complex issues facing the thrift and commercial banking industries;

WHEREAS, from 2001 to the present Whatley has served as a Financial Management Specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service Financial Management Division, where he provides advice and assistance to the United States Department of Agriculture related to budgetary and accounting systems;

WHEREAS, Stephen Whatley has served as a strong fiscal steward of the public trust, saving more than \$50 million in taxpayers funds over the course of his tenure with the United States Department of Agriculture;

WHEREAS, Stephen Whatley is a member of the Urban League, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity;

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WHEREAS, Stephen Whatley has served as the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for ANC 4A03 for more than 20 years;

WHEREAS, in his role as ANC Commissioner, Stephen Whatley has participated in passing significant legislation including measures that removed the 11% tax on utilities bills, fought against rate increases on utilities bills, proposed legislation that would allow college students to stay on their parent's insurance plan until they turn 28, supported the improvement of infrastructure projects in Shepherd Park and Brightwood, and fought for increased funding for neighborhood schools;

WHEREAS, in his role as ANC Commissioner, Stephen Whatley assisted with The Parks at Walter Reed to ensure that the development was in synergy with the community interests around density and complimentary to the community design aesthetics;

WHEREAS, in his role as ANC Commissioner, Stephen Whatley also assisted in the development of the Children's National Medical Center at The Parks at Walter Reed and its integration into the community, and worked to ensure that density was complimentary to neighboring homes and apartment buildings to maintain a sense of community;

WHEREAS, Stephen Whatley has been a staunch advocate for civil rights, participating in the March on Washington, the Poor People's Campaign, and 5 marches in support of making Martin Luther King Jr. Day a federal holiday;

WHEREAS, Stephen Whatley has served as an advocate for a strong education outside of his work as a ANC Commissioner, assisting 28 boys with C averages go on to attend college on scholarships;

WHEREAS, Stephen Whatley has received numerous military and civic awards including the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal, the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the U.S. Army Commendation Medal, the Bureau of Economic Analysis Special Achievement Award, the OTS Sustained Superior Performance Award, and multiple USDA Performance Awards from 2002 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Whatley continues to fight injustice, advocate for change, and serve the Ward 4 community and the District.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Stephen Whatley Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2020".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Stephen Whatley for his unwavering commitment to serving the residents of Ward 4, and his contributions to the District as a community and political leader.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.