

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 5, 2021

To recognize and honor John F. Tatum, Sr.'s induction into the Washington, D.C. Hall of Fame for his contribution to sports.

WHEREAS, Ward 5 resident John F. Tatum, Sr.'s life-long participation and leadership in health and fitness, as a swimmer, continues to promote active living and wellness for persons of all ages;

WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum is a nine-time National Senior Games gold medalist in the 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter freestyle, and 50-meter breast stroke;

WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum received the Personal Best Award from the National Senior Games Association (NSGA), a nonprofit member of the U.S. Olympic Committee, for his dedication to health and fitness;

WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum was named Honoree for the 27th Annual Black History Invitational Swim Meet held in Washington, D.C. – an event co-founded in 1987 by the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation and the United Black Fund, Inc. to celebrate the contributions of African Americans to U.S. society;

WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum was named to the D.C. Sports Athletic Association (DCSAA) High School Hall of Fame for being an all-around athlete as a former member of the basketball, baseball and swim teams at Armstrong High School in the era of public school segregation;

WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum is 101-years-young and was recently honored by Mayor Bowser at the city's 33rd Annual Salute to D.C. Centenarians;

WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum received the Legends Award from the DMV AIA – Athletes in Action for being a historian and caregiver to the larger D.C. metropolitan community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum is a member of the D.C. Water Wizards swim team, a local aquatics program for residents over the age of 50.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “John F. Tatum, Sr. Washington, D.C. Hall of Fame Induction Recognition Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Mr. Tatum for his many years of leadership to the city and residents of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.