

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 5, 2021

To honor the memory of David Confer and recognize his many contributions to the District.

WHEREAS, David Confer was a lifelong District resident, attending Woodrow Wilson High School, graduating from Emerson Preparatory School, and eventually setting in the H Street, N.E., neighborhood in Ward 6;

WHEREAS, David was audio engineer in live show productions, providing sound and various production services at venues including The Anthem, 9:30 Club, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Warner Theatre, and National Theater, through his work with the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Local 22;

WHEREAS, David's passion was bicycling, leading him to run Fathom Custom Bikes out of his home in Ward 6, building custom bikes and repairing bikes for everyone who came to him, at a cost they could afford;

WHEREAS, David organized rides and races designed to welcome all residents from across the District—including the Critical Mass D.C., the D.C. Bike Party, the Hole in the Wall Crit, and Showdown Sprints;

WHEREAS, David created and organized the yearly Tour de Bike Lane events for cyclists from across the District, to continue advocating for bike lane commuting, including bringing together non-cyclists who gathered along the 15th Street, N.W., bike lane with signs and cheering, “thanks for riding a bike”;

WHEREAS, David and a friend organized the Not Cool Bro Ride in 2016, to raise awareness of street harassment women often face while cycling and to encourage men to hold each other accountable for how they treat women—on and off bikes;

WHEREAS, David started monthly Color of Cycling rides, to encourage greater diversity among cyclists from various backgrounds and lines of work, starting all rides at the African

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American Civil War Memorial and ending each ride at a different neighborhood restaurant, encouraging cyclists to explore areas of the District that they might not otherwise;

WHEREAS, in 2017, David was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a type of cancer, continuing to ride and repair bikes nearly every day while in treatment;

WHEREAS, in 2019, David was diagnosed with Liver Cirrhosis, spending much of the next year and a half in hospitals and on ventilators as his liver failed;

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2020, David Confer passed away, leaving a legacy of love, unity, and compassion for all of those who knew him;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution be cited as the "David Confer Memorial Ceremonial Resolution of 2021".

Sec. 2. The Council honors David Confer's memory, recognizes his years of work to promote bike commuting and create a more diverse and thoughtful biking community in the District, and expresses condolences to David's family and loved ones.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.