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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 2, 2021

To celebrate and recognize January 6, 2022 as Officer Eugene Goodman Day in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Officer Eugene Goodman exhibited valor in his service to the American people during the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the United States Capitol by protecting members of Congress, safeguarding our highest symbols of democracy, and strategically diverting domestic terrorists;

WHEREAS, Officer Goodman, a native Washingtonian, was raised in Ward 8;

WHEREAS, Officer Goodman entered the United States Army in 2002 and served as a member of the “Screaming Eagles”, XVIII Airborne Corps, including in combat in the Iraq War;

WHEREAS, Officer Goodman left the United States Army in 2006 at the rank of Sergeant;

WHEREAS, Officer Goodman joined the United States Capitol Police in 2009;

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, when the United States Capitol was stormed by a violent mob of insurrectionists, Officer Goodman, without the immediate aid of fellow officers, put his own life in the balance and faced down the angry mob by diverting them away from members of Congress as they fled to safety;

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2021, there was bi-partisan legislation introduced in the United States Congress for Officer Goodman to be awarded the Congressional Gold Medal;

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2021, Officer Goodman escorted then-Vice President-elect Kamala Harris to the Inauguration of the Nation’s 46th President, Joseph R. Biden, and he received a standing ovation from those in attendance;

WHEREAS, as of January 20, 2021, Officer Goodman was appointed Acting Deputy Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate;

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WHEREAS, January 6, 2022 is designated as Officer Eugene Goodman Day; and

WHEREAS, Officer Eugene Goodman Day recognizes Officer Goodman's swift strategic maneuvering, unwavering courage, faithful duty, and loyal commitment to protecting Congress and preserving the United States Capitol, celebrating him as a true American hero and valiant son of Ward 8 and the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution be cited as the "Officer Eugene Goodman Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2021".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and celebrates Officer Eugene Goodman for his valor and service to the Nation in protecting members of Congress and the United States Capitol against acts of domestic terrorism, and designates January 6, 2022 as Officer Eugene Goodman Day in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.