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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 6, 2021

To recognize the School Without Walls High School on the occasion of its semicentennial and to celebrate its contributions to, and impact upon, the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

WHEREAS, the School Without Walls High School is a public magnet high school that has devoted 50 years of service to Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and has produced one of the highest high school graduation rates and academic rigor among District of Columbia Public Schools;

WHEREAS, the School Without Walls High School was physically located in numerous locations throughout the years, in 2009, the School opened its newly renovated location at the old Grant School on G Street, NW, between 21st and 22nd Streets, surrounded by the George Washington University campus, in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood of Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, the School Without Walls High School has based its learning model on a concept in urban education that encourages students to “use the city as a classroom”;

WHEREAS, the School Without Walls has committed to provide every student with a rigorous, college preparatory, humanities program that incorporates global and local resources in an experiential and interdisciplinary methodology to teaching and learning;

WHEREAS, the 2006 Memorandum of Understanding between D.C. Public Schools and George Washington University created a programmatic partnership, which included facilities sharing, teaching collaborations, educator training, and the ability for School Without Walls High Schools students, faculty, and staff to enroll in courses at the George Washington University without tuition or fees;

WHEREAS, the School Without Walls High School was named a National Blue-Ribbon School in 2010 for academic achievement;

WHEREAS, the School Without Walls High School has built a solid reputation as an academically esteemed high school and was ranked by U.S. News and World Report as the best high school in the District of Columbia and 51st in the United States, as well as 11th among magnet schools nationally; and

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WHEREAS, the School Without Walls believes that developing global citizens, with a clear and purposeful focus on social justice and equity, is part of the essential mission of the school and further believes that all cultures and people are unique and should be valued and respected for what they are and what they can become.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA that this resolution may be cited as the “School Without Walls High School Semicentennial Celebration Recognition Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. The Council and District of Columbia acknowledges and honors the School Without Walls High School for its outstanding contributions to its students, to academia, and to the communities of the Washington, DC Metropolitan area and beyond.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.