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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 4, 2021

To recognize and honor Dr. Oswald I. Cameron-Morales, DDS's years of services in dentistry on the occasion of his retirement from his practice in Mount Pleasant.

WHEREAS, Dr Oswald I. Cameron-Morales was born in 1951 in Trinidad and Tobago, and grew up watching his father practicing dentistry in his home country, and Puerto Rico;

WHEREAS, Dr. Cameron-Morales followed in his father's footsteps and with a desire to service his community through dentistry, came to DC to attend Howard University's College of Dentistry, graduating in 1979;

WHEREAS, Dr. Cameron-Morales, after practicing in Puerto Rico, started his own private practice of dentistry in Washington DC in 1987 in Mount Pleasant;

WHEREAS, Dr. Cameron-Morales's mission in his DC practice was not only to provide quality clinical dentistry care, but also make sure a multicultural community was able to access his services at an affordable rate, or free of cost, in English and Spanish;

WHEREAS, Dr. Cameron-Morales understood the importance of prevention, restoration and maintenance in dentistry for all ages, and made sure to take efforts to reach all community members by making his work accessible and approachable;

WHEREAS, Dr. Cameron-Morales served the community outside of his clinical practice by volunteering with many local community organizations such as the Spanish Catholic Center and Latin American Youth Center to provide services around Ward 1 and the District;

WHEREAS, Dr. Cameron-Morales provided outreach to youth in the Ward 1 community, by working with many outreach programs at Bell multicultural and Lincoln Middle School, Bancroft and other community schools;

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WHEREAS, Dr. Cameron-Morales also served as Dental Director for Advantage Health Plans, Inc., President of the Hispanic Dental Association of the Washington Metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, Dr. Cameron-Morales was appointed to the Board of Dentistry in 1999 and ending his third term in 2008;

WHEREAS, Dr. Cameron-Morales since 1998 has served as volunteer with the non-profit organization ECUADENT, and is currently Dental Director of The Healing Hands Foundation which has taken him to countries including Ecuador, Sierra Leone, Guatemala, Panama and more to provide medical assistance those in need.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Dr. Oswald I. Cameron-Morales Recognition Resolution of 2021.”

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the work of Dr. Oswald I. Cameron-Morales for his tireless commitment to providing high quality and accessible dentistry to the community.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.