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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 4, 2021

To posthumously recognize and honor the life of Rudolph “Rudy” Michael Delano McGann, Jr.

WHEREAS, Rudy McGann was born on June 28, 1974, in New York, New York, and graduated from Brother Martin High School in New Orleans, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Rudy McGann graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Howard University in 1996, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science with a minor concentration in Business Administration; and in 1999, earned a Juris Doctor Degree from the Howard University School of Law;

WHEREAS, Rudy McGann was admitted to practice law by the New York State Bar in 2000, and subsequently was admitted to practice law before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals;

WHEREAS, for over 21 distinguished years until his passing, Rudy McGann served as a Staff Attorney for the District of Columbia Board of Elections, and was known as a consummate public servant who dedicated his entire legal career to the execution of the mission of the District of Columbia Board of Elections to administer elections, facilitate ballot access, enfranchise the citizens of the District of Columbia, and ensure the overall integrity of the electoral process;

WHEREAS, Rudy McGann’s most noteworthy victory came in *Marlin v. DC Board of Elections* (236 F.3d 716 (2001)), which he argued in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit – the nation’s second highest federal court – successfully defending the Board’s enforcement of polling place regulations prohibiting voters from wearing campaign paraphernalia inside polling places;

WHEREAS, from 2014 until his passing, Rudy McGann served as an adjunct professor of legal research and writing at the David A. Clarke School of Law at the University of the District of Columbia;

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WHEREAS, in 2014, Rudy McGann was selected to travel to Egypt as part of a delegation with Democracy International to serve as an election observer in that country's historic presidential election and deployed to the Kafr El-Sheikh governorate of the country to visit polling stations and observe all stages of the voting process in that jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Rudy McGann was a Spring 1995 initiate of the Beta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at Howard University, and remained active throughout his life, serving the Mu Lambda alumni chapter in multiple capacities including as Recording Secretary, Hospitality Chair, and "Chief Minister of Meals";

WHEREAS, Rudy McGann and his wife Natalie were faithfully devoted to their beloved Howard University, aka "The Mecca", and they would annually open their home in Ward 5 to host a Howard Homecoming party for hundreds of alumni for fun, fellowship, and amazing food. Rudy's brisket, chicken, red velvet waffles, and other sweet confections made him a legend among his children's friends, fraternity brothers, teammates, and classmates;

WHEREAS, Rudy McGann had a zest for life, an infectious personality, and an authenticity that made all feel welcome. Rudy was a music enthusiast, confidant, youth football coach, pool league champion, mentor, role model, and a true friend and brother;

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2021, Rudy McGann passed away after a yearlong battle with brain cancer, leaving a legacy of love, unity, service, and compassion for all of those who knew him. Rudy will always be deeply respected by his colleagues, students, fellow attorneys, public officials, and other community members; and

WHEREAS, although Rudy McGann is pre-deceased by his mother Beverley Parnell, he leaves many loved ones to cherish his memory, including: his wife Natalie Hopkinson; their 2 beautiful children, Maverick and Maven; his father Rudolph McGann, Sr.; countless friends; and his Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity brothers who revered his intellect, wit, and passion for life.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Rudolph "Rudy" Michael Delano McGann, Jr. Posthumous Memorial Recognition Resolution of 2021".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia posthumously recognizes and honors the life of Rudolph "Rudy" Michael Delano McGann, Jr. for his outstanding career and contributions to the residents of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.