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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

24-127

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 1, 2022

To recognize, honor, and celebrate Edward C. Smith for his exemplary service and contributions to the District of Columbia and its residents, on the occasion of his retirement from service to the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department.

WHEREAS, Edward C. Smith was appointed as a firefighter to the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (“FEMS”) in August 1992 and assigned to Engine Company 10, a busy firefighting company known as the “House of Pain”, located in the Trinidad community of Ward 5;

WHEREAS, in 1997, Edward C. Smith was promoted to Wagon Driver, in 1999, he achieved the rank of Sergeant, and in 2002, he earned the rank of Lieutenant;

WHEREAS, in 2003, Edward C. Smith achieved the rank of Captain, a position he would hold for 13 years;

WHEREAS, he served as Captain at Rescue Squad 1 in the Chinatown neighborhood for more than 9 years;

WHEREAS, in 2008, Edward C. Smith was first elected to serve as the Active Firefighter Trustee to the District of Columbia Retirement Board, a position in which he would serve for 3 terms;

WHEREAS, in 2011, Edward C. Smith was first elected President of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 36 AFL-CIO, a position in which he would also serve for 3 terms;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as President of Local 36, he advocated fearlessly and tirelessly for his members’ safety and welfare, and he worked closely and collegially with then-Chief Gregory Dean, the FEMS leadership team, and the Council to implement historic changes and innovative policies that have stabilized and improved FEMS;

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WHEREAS, as President of Local 36, he oversaw a historic arbitration that resulted in a change in the calculation of overtime benefits for his members, and the implementation of this litigation resulted in a large backpay payout to his membership;

WHEREAS, in September 2016, Edward C. Smith attained the rank of Battalion Chief;

WHEREAS, he served at that rank with the Special Operations Battalion, which responds to technical rescues and hazardous materials incidents across the District;

WHEREAS, in August 2019, Edward C. Smith was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief of the Training Division, where he oversaw the Training Academy and prioritized fireground back to basics training and safety initiatives, such as improved driver safety training;

WHEREAS, in 2020, Edward C. Smith was promoted to Assistant Fire Chief of the Professional Development Bureau, which includes the Human Resources Division, Payroll and Compliance offices, Professional Standards Division, Training Division, and the Medical Services Division;

WHEREAS, as Assistant Fire Chief for Professional Development, he oversaw the expansion of FEMS' O2X program, which supports members' wellness through fitness, nutrition, mental health trainings, and resources;

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2021, Edward C. Smith retired from FEMS after almost 30 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Edward C. Smith is known to all as a skilled, caring, and passionate firefighter, colleague, and leader.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Edward C. Smith Recognition Resolution of 2022".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates Edward C. Smith for his exemplary service and contributions to the District of Columbia and its residents, on the occasion of his retirement from service to the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.