

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 28, 2022

To recognize and honor the contributions of Charles A. Robinson on the occasion of his retirement after 28 years of service to the students of Truesdell Elementary School in Ward 4.

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles A. Robinson was born on October 15, 1954, in Washington, DC. He grew up in the District and attended Bishop McNamara High School;

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson attended Bowie State College, where he earned a Bachelor's of Social Work degree, as well as the University of the District of Columbia, where he earned a Master's in Education Administration;

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson began his education career in 1976, including work at Mackin Catholic High School and Holy Comforter St. Cyprian School before moving to Truesdell in September 1993;

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson served in many different roles during his time at Truesdell. He was the school's business manager, responsible for ensuring students and teachers had all the supplies they needed to learn. Most recently, Mr. Robinson has been Truesdell's Dean of Students, helping to maintain a positive learning environment for all students;

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson's most indelible contribution to Truesdell might be his extracurricular work as "Coach Robinson" for Truesdell's DC SCORES team since 1996. DC SCORES is a long-standing program combining soccer, poetry, and service-learning for elementary- and middle-grade students in DC public schools. Under Mr. Robinson's leadership, Truesdell teams won several championships in poetry and on the soccer field and thousands of students learned important life skills while having fun with their teammates;

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WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson earned many awards during his career at Truesdell including the Archdiocese of Washington's Outstanding Young Black Achievement Award, the DC Public Schools Rubenstein Award for outstanding service to his school community, the 2021 Excellence in Mentoring Award, and the DC SCORES Community Champions Award;

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson remains a mentor and community leader for dozens of Truesdell alumni and staff. His legacy will be one of instilling confidence, self-worth, and joy in his students so that they too can share and become mentors for others themselves;

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson resides in Maryland with his wife Gwen and 3 sons: Charles, Ben, and Dominique.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Charles A. Robinson Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2022".

Sec. 2. The Council honors and celebrates the career and public contributions of Mr. Charles A. Robinson for his decades of service to Truesdell Elementary School students, families, and the community in Ward 4.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.