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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

24-225

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 20, 2022

To recognize and honor the life of Len Oliver for his exceptional achievements and service to the residents of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Len Oliver graduated from Temple University in 1955 and went on to serve in the US Army, playing on an armed forces soccer team while stationed overseas;

WHEREAS, after moving to the District of Columbia in 1960, Len Oliver represented the United States in the 1963 Pan American Games in São Paulo and he also qualified for the 1964 Olympic Team;

WHEREAS, Len always loved showing support for District soccer as he was a regular at Washington Diplomats matches in the 1970s and became one of the first DC United season ticket holders once Major League Soccer launched in 1996;

WHEREAS, Len Oliver was elected to the National Soccer Hall of Fame as a player in 1996, making him the only District resident ever elected to the National Soccer Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, Len Oliver has been inducted into 5 other athletic Halls of Fame, including the Virginia-DC Soccer Hall of Fame, which he founded in 2000;

WHEREAS, Len Oliver spent 35 years as a youth coach for DC Stoddert Soccer, 30 years on the DC Stoddert Soccer Board of Directors, and 15 years as DC Stoddert Soccer's Director of Coaching;

WHEREAS, at the Jelleff Club, Len Oliver trained over 5,000 licensed US Soccer coaches, representing 91 countries, in the Washington, DC area;

WHEREAS, Len Oliver served as a member on the National Soccer Hall of Fame Board;

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WHEREAS, in 2016, Len pledged, to donate his brain and spinal cord to the Concussion Legacy Foundation upon death, which studies brain trauma in former athletes, demonstrating his willingness to help others and the sport as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Len Oliver was an incredible athlete, a treasured community leader, and a beloved husband, father, and grandparent. Len will be greatly missed.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Len Oliver Legacy Recognition Resolution of 2022.”

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the life of Len Oliver and recognizes his contributions to the athletic and civic life of Ward 3 and the whole of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.