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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 4, 2022

To thank and congratulate Charles Hart Middle School Principal Charlette Strickland for over 2 decades of service to students and families and on receiving the 2022 District of Columbia Public Schools Leadership for Innovation in Schools award.

WHEREAS, Principal Strickland's educational leadership journey began when she earned her bachelor's degree in English and Language Arts Teacher Education from the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in 2000;

WHEREAS, Principal Strickland started her career as a high school English teacher with the DeKalb County School System in Stone Mountain, Georgia, where she also served as the SGA sponsor, dance and cheerleading coach, Teacher Support Specialist, and Coordinator of the IBAT program;

WHEREAS, Principal Strickland earned her Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Nova Southeastern University in 2003;

WHEREAS, while in Southeast Florida, Principal Strickland worked as a high school teacher for the Broward County School System and was promoted to Dean of Students, where she served students who needed additional academic and behavioral support;

WHEREAS; Principal Strickland moved to Washington, DC and served as the Assistant Principal of Wilson High School for 4 years;

WHEREAS; Principal Strickland was selected as a member of the Inaugural Cohort of the Mary Jane Patterson Fellowship, and served as resident Principal at Leckie Elementary School and West Education Campus;

WHEREAS; Principal Strickland has served as the devoted Principal of Charles Hart Middle School since 2014;

WHEREAS, Principal Strickland earned a Master of Business Administration with a concentration in Educational Leadership and Administration from Georgetown University in 2020;

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WHEREAS, Principal Strickland lives in her mission to meet children's educational, social, and emotional needs and go above and beyond to make sure that students, families, and the team at Hart Middle School feel valued and taken care of;

WHEREAS, in September 2022, Principal Strickland was selected as the Leadership for Innovation in Schools award winner by DCPS, a well-deserved recognition of the dedication, respect, and support she constantly shows to the students, families, faculty, and staff at Hart Middle School.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Principal Charlette Strickland Recognition Resolution of 2022".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and thanks Principal Charlette Strickland for her service to students and families in the District and beyond, and congratulates her on receiving the 2022 District of Columbia Public Schools Leadership for Innovation in Schools award.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.