

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

24-251

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 4, 2022

To proclaim the second week of October 2022 as Till Trilogy Week, and to celebrate the world premiere of the Till Trilogy series of plays in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, On August 28, 1955, the life of fourteen-year-old Emmett Till, of Chicago, Illinois, was cut tragically short by a brutal murder in Money, Mississippi;

WHEREAS, justice in this case, and thousands like it, remains unfulfilled;

WHEREAS, the legacy of Emmett Till is undying and universal due to the heroic efforts of his mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, who sparked an historic civil rights movement through her pain, courage and righteous fury;

WHEREAS, for more than 2 decades, playwright Ifa Bayeza has committed her soul, scholarship, and artistry to illuminating the Emmett Till story, an American tragedy, with music, poetry and imagination;

WHEREAS, as the fruits of her labor, Ifa Bayeza has created, *The Ballad of Emmett Till* in 2008, *Benevolence* in 2019 and *That Summer in Sumner* in 2022: three plays that pay tribute to and bring glory to the life, death and legacy of Emmett Till -- *The Till Trilogy*;

WHEREAS, the Mosaic Theater Company at the Atlas Performing Arts Center produces bold, culturally diverse theater that illuminates critical issues, elevates fresh voices, and sparks connection among communities throughout our region and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Mosaic Theater Company at the Atlas Performing Arts Center and Ifa Bayeza have partnered together with director Talvin Wilks and an inspired team of artists to produce the world premiere of *The Till Trilogy* in the Nation's Capital, bringing these plays about our collective American history to life.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Till Trilogy Week Recognition Resolution of 2022."

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia proclaims the second week of October 2022 as Till Trilogy Week and honors the spirit and courage of Emmett Till, and his mother Mamie Till-Mobley, whose tragic experience galvanized people worldwide into what would become one of the greatest human and civil rights movements in history.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.