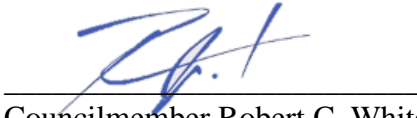
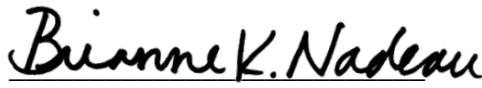


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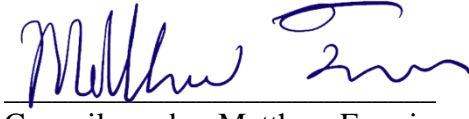
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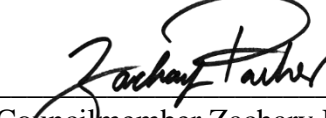
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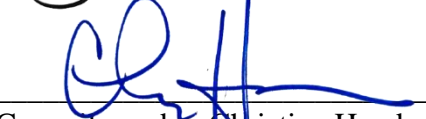
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28 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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32 To recognize and honor Benjamin Banneker Academic High School for over four
33 decades of academic excellence and recent increasing national acclaim.

34 WHEREAS, Benjamin Banneker Academic High School (“Banneker”), opened its doors
35 to students in August 1981;

36 WHEREAS, the school, designed as a highly selective neighborhood Junior High School
37 by founder Vincent Emory Reed, pays homage to Benjamin Banneker, an African-American
38 scientist, almanac author, inventor, surveyor, farmer, and scholar;

39 WHEREAS, Banneker has a well-documented history of preparing high school scholars
40 to be high performing and meaningful contributors in the world;

41 WHEREAS, they accomplish this goal by providing students with an academically
42 engaging curricula, college preparatory program, and varied developmental experiences;

43 WHEREAS, Banneker became an International Baccalaureate World School in 2001;

44 WHEREAS, in 2022, Banneker has received mentionable accolades, such as being
45 ranked number one in the District of Columbia High Schools, number two in Washington, D.C.
46 Metro Area High Schools, and an all-time high of 96th in National Rankings by U.S. News;

47 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education named Banneker as a Blue Ribbon
48 School in 1990, 1991, 2007 and 2017;

49 WHEREAS, in 2017, Newsweek highlighted Banneker as ranking 13 out of the top high
50 schools nationally in “Beating the Odds”;

51 WHEREAS, in August 2021, Banneker celebrated its 40th anniversary and was named a
52 Gold Medal School by U.S. News;

53 WHEREAS, in 2022, U.S. News named Banneker the Best High School in the District of
54 Columbia.

55 WHEREAS, Banneker has a long track record of academic achievement and consistently
56 prepares their scholars to surpass highly competitive benchmarks;

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58 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
59 resolution be cited as the “Benjamin Banneker Academic High School Recognition Resolution of
60 2023.”

61 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes that Banneker cultivates the
62 talent of brilliant scholars from all eight wards of the District of Columbia and realizes the fruit
63 of their work by the placement of many of their graduates in courtrooms, classrooms, science
64 laboratories, engineering and technological spaces, medical facilities, and other highly selective
65 professional arenas all over the world.

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67 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
68 the District of Columbia Register.