

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2023

To recognize and honor the life of Chuck Jenkins and his years of work to improve the District's natural spaces.

WHEREAS, Chuck Jenkins was born on May 15, 1990 in Landover, Maryland and worked with the nonprofit Ward 8 Woods Conservancy from January 2021 to May 2022 alongside friends and colleagues to preserve and improve the District's natural spaces;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins's obituary said that he always had "a zest for adventure" and grew up spending weekends and summer days skipping rocks and pursuing crayfish in the creek that ran through the apartment complex where he lived as a child;

WHEREAS, His experiences with nature growing up made him a life-long nature lover, eventually leading him to Ward 8 Woods, where, among other duties, Mr. Jenkins represented the organization in interviews with the media;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins's connection to nature was highlighted in a May 2021 *Washington Post* article about a "forest bathing" ceremony, featuring a picture of Mr. Jenkins in the forests along Oxon Run in Ward 8;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins's obituary noted that he was a devoted father "[f]rom the day his son . . . was born, . . . instilling in [his son] the values of love, integrity, and perseverance;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins passed away on August 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins is remembered and mourned by his family, including his family of volunteers and employees of Ward 8 Woods.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that the Council recognizes and thanks Chuck Jenkins for his years of dedication to improving the District's natural spaces and sends condolences to his family and friends.

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Sec. 2. This resolution may be cited as the “Chuck Jenkins Memorial Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.