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15 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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19 To recognize, honor, and celebrate Dr. Colin “Topper” Carew for his founding and direction of
20 The New Thing Art and Architectural Center in Adams Morgan, Washington, District of
21 Columbia, and his outsized impact on the world of architecture, television, film, and the arts.

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23 WHEREAS, Dr. Carew was born in Boston, Massachusetts on July 16, 1943;

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25 WHEREAS, Dr. Carew attended Howard University’s School of Architecture, received a
26 Bachelor of Arts in Architecture and Master of Science in environmental design from Yale
27 University, and obtained a PhD in communications from Union Graduate School and Institute for
28 Policy Studies;

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30 WHEREAS, in 1966 Dr. Carew founded The New Thing Art and Architecture Center in
31 Adams Morgan located at 1811 Florida Avenue NW;

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33 WHEREAS, the New Thing Art and Architecture Center facilitated youth art
34 programming, organized local concerts, housed a base for community advocacy, and offered
35 countless opportunities to District residents;

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37 WHEREAS, in 1972 Dr. Carew received the Community Fellowship from the
38 Massachusetts Institute of Technology;

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40 WHEREAS, Dr. Carew went to work at WGBH where he produced several national
41 Public Broadcasting Service series;

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43 WHEREAS, Dr. Carew founded Rainbow Television Workshop in 1974 with his late
44 wife, producer Alyce S. Carew;

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46 WHEREAS, Dr. Carew wrote and produced DC Cab, a motion picture set in the District,
47 among other notable movies and television series;

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49 WHEREAS, in 2012 Dr. Carew was appointed as a research scholar at the Massachusetts
50 Institute of Technology, and was later promoted to principal investigator in the Massachusetts
51 Institute of Technology Media Lab; and

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53 WHEREAS, beginning February 7, 2024 Jackson-Reed High School's Digital Media
54 Academy in conjunction with The Community Coalition for Change will host the "New
55 Perspective on the New Thing: A Photography Exhibition Documenting DC's Revolutionary
56 Community Arts Center" at American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center.

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58 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
59 resolution may be cited as the "Colin "Topper" Carew Recognition Resolution of 2024".

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61 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates Dr.
62 Colin "Topper" Carew for his exemplary service to the District of Columbia and its residents as
63 the founder and director of The New Thing Art and Architectural Center.

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