

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor Experience Unlimited, also known as EU, a progressive Go-Go and funk band started by Washington, DC teens, for their contribution to the music industry and the legacy of Go-Go music in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited was originally named 'The Young Hustlers' in the 1970s by youth attending Hart Junior High in Southeast Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, the band explored a rock sound that stood out from its counterparts and was inspired by bands like the Jimmy Hendrix Experience and Led Zeppelin;

WHEREAS, as the band participated in more local talent shows and performances it officially changed its name to Experience Unlimited;

WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited adopted the Valley Green housing project in Southeast DC as its headquarters and practice space;

WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited regularly performed at mayoral and DC Parks and Recreation events where the band built its popularity;

WHEREAS, in 1974, Experience Unlimited upgraded its rehearsal space to a multi-use practice space, retail store, and office space called 'The House of Peace' which remained in Southeast DC for half a decade;

WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited partnered with DC music entrepreneur and Black Fire record label owner, Jimmy Gray, with whom the band recorded its first album cultivating its Go-Go sound;

WHEREAS, Director Spike Lee recruited the band to make a cameo and record a song on the soundtrack for his film "School Daze". The track titled "Da' Butt" would be the band's breakout hit;

35 WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited’s song “Da’ Butt” topped the Billboard charts,
36 peaking at #1 on the U.S. R&B chart and #35 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1988;

37 WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited signed a record deal with Virgin Records;

38 WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited had two more Billboard charting hits titled “Buck
39 Wild” and “Taste of Your Love”, along with many other popular records;

40 WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited has opened shows for Earth, Wind & Fire; Grover
41 Washington; Melba Moore; the Sugar Hill Gang; Stacey Lattisaw; Kool & the Gang; and other
42 well-renowned artists;

43 WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited has toured in several countries across the world,
44 including Germany, Japan, and the Caribbean; and

45 WHEREAS, Experience Unlimited continues to reunite to this day; the band performed
46 one of its last major shows at the 2019 BET Awards.

47 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
48 resolution may be cited as the "Experience Unlimited (EU) Recognition Resolution of 2021".

49 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the remarkable musical legacy
50 created by Experience Unlimited over its 35-plus-year career.

51 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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