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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To posthumously recognize and honor the life of Carl “Chucky” Thompson, renown hip-hop and R&B music producer.

WHEREAS, Chucky Thompson was born on July 12, 1968, in Washington, DC to parents Carl and Charlotte Thompson;

WHEREAS, Chucky Thompson grew up in the LeDroit Park neighborhood and attended Dunbar High School;

WHEREAS, Chucky Thompson began playing for local go-go bands before landing the opportunity to tour as a conga player for Chuck Brown’s legendary go-go band, the Soul Searchers, at age 16;

WHEREAS, Chucky Thompson was talented at playing several instruments including the guitar, drums, bass, keyboards, and trombone;

WHEREAS, Chucky Thompson was a part of the legendary producing team 'the Hitmen' while working for Sean 'Diddy' Combs’ record label, Bad Boy Entertainment. He was a key producer for the late Notorious B.I.G.'s debut album, including one of their biggest hits, 'Big Poppa', which became No. 1 on the Billboard rap charts, and on Mary J. Blige's Grammy-nominated sophomore album 'My Life';

39 WHEREAS, Chucky Thompson helped produce hit records for influential musicians, such
40 as Nas, Usher, TLC, New Edition, Raheem DeVaughn, and Faith Evans throughout the 1990s and
41 early 2000s. Chucky also demonstrated his versatility by collaborating with artists in different
42 genres;

43 WHEREAS, Chucky Thompson helped shape the unique sound of '90s R&B, striking a
44 balance between new and old sounds through the use of samples, thumping basslines, and
45 percussion;

46 WHEREAS, Chucky Thompson opened his DC-based record label, ChuckLife
47 Productions, in 1997. Among the first people to be signed to the label were Tom Boi and Frankie;

48 WHEREAS, Chucky Thompson served as a mentor to upcoming producers such as Young
49 Guru and Rich Harrison;

50 WHEREAS, Chucky Thompson returned to go-go music, producing three albums for his
51 early mentor, Chuck Brown, and tracks for Rare Essence;

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53 WHEREAS, Chucky Thompson, upon his death, was working on creating more music and
54 a documentary about his history with go-go music;

55 WHEREAS, on August 9, 2021, Chucky Thompson passed away in Los Angeles after
56 battling complications of COVID-19, leaving a legacy of kindness, creativity, and world-class
57 music; and

58 WHEREAS, Chucky Thompson leaves many loved ones to cherish his memory, including
59 his five children, Ashley, Emille, Myles, Quincey, and Trey Thompson; his grandchild, Brooklyn;
60 his mother, Charlotte; his two sisters, Chrystal and Carla; and many more friends, family, and fans
61 in the District and in the music community that he helped nurture.

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63 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
64 resolution may be cited as the “Carl ‘Chucky’ Thompson Posthumous Memorial Recognition
65 Resolution of 2021”.

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67 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia posthumously recognizes and honors the
68 life of Carl “Chucky” Thompson for his outstanding music career and contributions to go-go, hip
69 hop, and R& B music as well as to the residents of the District of Columbia.

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