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Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To posthumously honor and recognize former Councilmember William Ridley Spaulding for his tireless efforts and dedication to the residents of Ward 5 and the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, North Carolina native William Spaulding attended Howard University, from which he graduated in 1947 with a B.S. in mechanical engineering;

WHEREAS, William Spaulding worked as a D.C. public school teacher from 1947 to 1952 and at his alma mater, Howard University, from 1950 to 1960;

WHEREAS, William Spaulding served as an engineer at the National Security Agency from 1952 to 1974;

WHEREAS, in 1955, while teaching at Howard University, he married Dolores Hinton, a music education student at the University. The couple later became the parents of three daughters, Deirdre, Michele, and Angelyn;

WHEREAS, William and Dolores Spaulding launched many community and school-based projects to serve the residents of the District of Columbia, and in the 1960s produced and directed a television show on WOOK-TV Channel 14 which featured local talent;

WHEREAS, William Spaulding taught the veteran's program at Phelps, Bell, and Armstrong High Schools, while also coaching the school basketball and baseball teams;

43 WHEREAS, after Washington, D.C. gained home rule in 1973, William Spaulding was
44 elected as one of the first members of the Council of the District of Columbia, where he served
45 three terms representing the residents of Ward 5;

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47 WHEREAS, William Spaulding drafted legislation establishing the University of the
48 District of Columbia as the nation’s only urban land grant institution, with its mandate to develop
49 the human capital of our nation’s urban areas;

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51 WHEREAS, in 1978, while serving on the Council of the District of Columbia, William
52 Spaulding produced Metro Talent Search, the District’s most well-known local talent show;

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54 WHEREAS, William Spaulding became an instructor at the University of the District of
55 Columbia in 1980;

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57 WHEREAS, William Spaulding continued working in the government after his tenure on
58 the D.C. Council by serving as Director of the Department of Administrative Services for
59 the District of Columbia Court System;

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61 WHEREAS, William Spaulding most recently served on the Board of Directors for IDEA
62 Public Charter School;

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64 WHEREAS, during the course of his life, William Spaulding served in various civic
65 leadership positions, including: President of the John Burroughs School Parent Teacher
66 Association; President of the Area 3A Council of the Parent Teacher Association; Vice-President
67 of the D.C. Congress of Parent-Teacher Associations; President of the Woodridge Civic
68 Association; Financial Secretary for the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations; Advisor for the
69 College Achievement Module program at the District of Columbia Teacher’s College; Secretary
70 of the Fort Lincoln Advisory Committee; Chair of the Fort Lincoln Foundation; and served on the
71 boards of the Kidney Foundation, the American Heart Association, the Saturday College, and the
72 Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital.

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74 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
75 resolution may be cited as the “Councilmember William Ridley Spaulding Memorial Recognition
76 Resolution of 2021”.

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78 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia posthumously recognizes and honors the
79 life of Councilmember William Ridley Spaulding for his unparalleled commitment to the Council
80 and residents of the District of Columbia.

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