

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MEMORANDUM

To: Secretary Nyasha Smith
From: Councilmember Charles Allen
Date: January 12, 2022
Subject: Request to Agendize Ceremonial Resolution for the January 18, 2022 Additional Legislative Meeting

I request the following measure be agendized for the January 18, 2022 Additional Legislative Meeting, should one be scheduled:

- “Billy Lafayette Chandler, Sr. Memorial Recognition Resolution of 2022”

This resolution celebrates the life of Billy Lafayette Chandler, Sr. and the great many services he provided to the District and its residents and expresses the Council’s condolences and best wishes to his family on the occasion of his passing. Mr. Chandler was a life-long District resident and part of the graduating class of Eastern High School that integrated the school after the Supreme Court’s decision in *Bolling v. Sharpe*. Among his many contributions to his community and the District at large, Mr. Chandler was one of the founding staff of the Visitor Service Center, now called Voices for a Second Chance, where he provided services to residents of the D.C. jail as an inmate and re-entry services coordinator. Mr. Chandler had endless knowledge of the jail and handled thousands of requests from residents of the jail—seemingly small gestures that meant the world to those in the jail—everything from getting new eyeglasses to locating birth certificates and other important paperwork necessary for release, earning respect and admiration from the residents of the jail and the staff of the Department of Corrections. Mr. Chandler was also a beloved uncle to Kimberly Kennedy on my staff, who has continued Mr. Chandler’s civic engagement through her tireless work helping Ward 6 residents through problems from the mundane to the heart-breaking.

A draft of the measure is attached. If you have any questions regarding this measure, please contact Chris Laskowski, Legislative Director, on 202-531-9912 or claskowski@dccouncil.us.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Office of the Secretary