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12 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION
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16 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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20 To recognize and honor Rodney Cephas for his 25 years of service to the Beacon House
21 Athletic Program.

22 WHEREAS, Rodney Cephas is a lifelong resident of the District, graduating from Spingarn
23 High School;

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Cephas has served as the Beacon House Athletic Director since 1997,
25 growing the program from a one man, one team operation to an operation with multiple football
26 teams, boys and girls basketball teams, boys and girls baseball teams, and cheerleading teams;

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Cephas' program includes over 300 children and youths who participate
28 in physical and emotional exercise. Additionally, the program relies on its 90 volunteer coaches to
29 operate its multitude of sports teams;

30 WHEREAS, during his tenure as Beacon House Athletic Director, Mr. Cephas has been
31 committed to not only teaching physical education, but also committed to teaching
32 multidisciplinary character traits, such as sportsmanship, discipline, and team building;

33 WHEREAS, George Washington University formally assessed the Beacon House Athletic
34 Program in 2012 and found that Beacon House athletes had higher levels of self-esteem, were
35 more resilient, were less likely to succumb to peer pressure, and were more likely to stay in school;

36 WHEREAS, outside of his role as Beacon House Athletic Director, Mr. Cephas has been
37 a supporter and advocate for the Edgewood community, advocating for access to educational,

38 recreational, and social resources in the community. Additionally, Mr. Cephas is the doting father
39 of three daughters;

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41 WHEREAS, Mr. Cephas tenure as the Beacon House Athletic Director, and the expansion
42 Beacon House Athletic Program has experienced during his tenure, is a product of his hard work
43 and dedication to Beacon House, his players, and his community.

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45 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
46 resolution may be cited as the “Rodney Cephas Recognition Resolution of 2022”.

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48 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Rodney Cephas
49 and his contributions to the Beacon House Athletic Program as Athletic Director over the last 25
50 years.

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