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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 Salih Williams, program director for the Deanwood Radio
21 Broadcast Youth Journalism Program.

22 WHEREAS, the Deanwood Radio Broadcast Youth Journalism Program was founded in
23 2015 as a program within the District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation. The
24 Program's mission is to expose, engage, and teach young residents about journalism and the role
25 it can play effecting change in communities;

26 WHEREAS, the Program has served over sixty students from across the District of
27 Columbia since its inception;

28 WHEREAS, the program director, Salih Williams, guides students, teaching participants
29 to serve as podcasts hosts, journalism research practices, professional interview skills, and other
30 communications tactics;

31 WHEREAS, under Mr. Williams' leadership, the Program has earned multiple awards, and
32 the Program's efforts have garnered praise from Mayor Muriel Bowser, the District of Columbia
33 Department of Parks and Recreation, members of the journalism community, and other youth
34 organizations;

35 WHEREAS, 16 high school students participated in the Program's six-month winter
36 journalism program;

37 WHEREAS, the Program has inspired students to continue to learn and potentially pursue
38 journalism careers, with 90 % of the students who take part in the program for two or more years
39 being admitted to colleges or universities following high school;

40 WHEREAS, the Program is one of only three programs in the United States that has
41 partnered with Congress, with students gaining congressional access. Once the students have
42 completed 100 hour of community service, they receive the congressional medal of freedom, the
43 highest civilian honor you can receive in the United States. Additionally, students receive a college
44 letter of recommendation from Congress and scholarship opportunities; and

45 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams hard work and dedication to the Program has positively
46 impacted the lives of young District residents.

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48 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
49 resolution may be cited as the “Salih Williams Recognition Resolution of 2022”.

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51 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Salih Williams,
52 program director of the Deanwood Radio Broadcast Youth Journalism Program.

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