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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 5, 2019

To recognize and honor The Studio Theatre on its 40th anniversary for its contributions to the cultural life of our city and the economic revitalization of the Logan Circle neighborhood.

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre has been a pioneer in launching Washington, D.C.'s theatre into prominence in the American Theatre of the 21st century;

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre has produced outstanding contemporary theatre in our city, created an artistic home for Washington, D.C.'s talented community of theatre artists, brought theatre artists of national and international prominence to our city, and, in doing so, enriched the lives of our city's residents;

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre Acting Conservatory, begun in 1975, has launched the careers of a number of nationally prominent theatre artists, been instrumental in developing a community of Washington, D.C. theatre artists, and trained actors who have gone on to create and staff many of the theatre companies that fill our city's stages;

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre began performing at its current location at 14th Street and P Street, N.W., in 1997, converting a former auto body shop into one theatre space and expanding to 2 theatres nurturing the development of emerging theatre artists, strengthening the opportunities of established theatre artists, and creating new opportunities for both artists and audience in our city;

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre, through its 40-year commitment to Washington, D.C.'s Logan Circle neighborhood, has spurred economic and cultural revitalization to create a vibrant mixed-use neighborhood with a major cultural institution as its hub;

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre forges a cohesive urban community among the culturally diverse residents of Washington, D.C. through programs that ensure access to The Studio Theatre's artistic, educational, and community service programs for all residents of the

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District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre supports hundreds of not-for-profit cultural and social service agencies by contributing its artistic programming to support their good works;

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre has produced 361 productions to date, including productions from 18 countries, and there have been 21 World premier productions and over 350 Helen Hayes Award nominations and 70 awards; and

WHEREAS, The Studio Theatre is an authentic Washington, D.C. cultural institution whose excellence is recognized in both national and international theatre communities and which adds a unique dimension to the proud public image of our city.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “The Studio Theatre 40th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes The Studio Theatre for its leadership and countless achievements in advancing the professional theatre and the arts in Washington, D.C. and declares April 13, 2019, as “Studio Theatre Day” in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.