

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 7, 2019

To recognize Armstrong Alumni Association for 30 years of service.

WHEREAS, Armstrong Technical High School was established for African Americans as Armstrong Manual Training School and was 1 of 2 high schools in the District of Columbia authorized by Congress for vocational education, providing carpentry, machine, foundry, and blacksmith workshops as well as courses in bookkeeping, domestic arts, chemistry, and physics;

WHEREAS, Armstrong Technical High School's dedication ceremony on September 24, 1902 featured Booker T. Washington as the keynote speaker;

WHEREAS, Armstrong Technical High School's building, located at 1400 First Street, N.W., is a Renaissance Revival building designed by local architect Waddy B. Woody and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1996;

WHEREAS, Armstrong Technical High School was named for Samuel C. Armstrong, a white general who lead an African American Civil War regiment and founder of Hampton Institute, now Hampton University;

WHEREAS, Armstrong Technical High School's name was changed from Armstrong Manual Training School to Armstrong Technical High School in 1925;

WHEREAS, Armstrong Technical High School closed its doors as a regular high school in 1958 and became the Armstrong Adult Education Center In 1964;

WHEREAS, Armstrong Technical High School building now houses the Friendship Public Charter School Armstrong Campus;

WHEREAS, Armstrong Technical High School graduates have garnered local, national, and international acclaim in their respective fields, including Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington, William "Billy" Eckstein, concert singer Lillian Evanti, Green Bay Packers Pro

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Football Hall of Fame inductee Willie Wood, professional jazz artist John Malachi and former School Board Member Anita Ford Allen; and

WHEREAS, Armstrong Technical High School's Alumni Association has been active for the past 30 years, awarding scholarships to students seeking higher education and keeping Armstrong Technical High School's legacy alive as an integral part of the District of Columbia's history.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Armstrong Alumni Association Recognition Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the Armstrong Alumni Association for its 30 years of activity and service.

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