

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 22, 2020

To celebrate Thomas H. Tippett on the occasion of his retirement from the District of Columbia Retirement Board and for all of the work he has done on behalf of the residents of the District.

WHEREAS, Thomas H. Tippett is a third-generation Washingtonian, who gave a lifetime of service to the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (DCFEMS);

WHEREAS, Thomas H. Tippett served for over 32 years with DCFEMS. Mr. Tippett also served as Chairman of Local 36, International Association of Firefighters, the union which represents the rank and file firefighters;

WHEREAS, Thomas H. Tippett came up through the ranks of the DCFEMS and, along the way, collected valor commendations from the U.S. House of Representatives and the full U.S. Congress, as well as a valor award from the DCFEMS;

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2000, Thomas H. Tippett was appointed Interim Fire Chief of DCFEMS by Mayor Anthony Williams. Mayor Williams attributed the success of the Department to Mr. Tippett's leadership, stating that Mr. Tippett brought new energy to DCFEMS. He moved aggressively to acquire new equipment for the firefighters and made substantial strides toward the goal of having one of the best fire departments in the nation;

WHEREAS, Thomas H. Tippett left the DCFEMS on April 30, 2000;

WHEREAS, Thomas H. Tippett represented active firefighters on the District of Columbia Retirement Board from December 11, 1996 to June 15, 2000 and represented retired firefighters on the Retirement Board from February 17, 2005 to July 17, 2020, for a total of 5 terms and 20 years;

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Tippett served as Board Parliamentarian, Vice-Chair of the Legislative Committee, Vice-Chair of the Operations Committee, and he served as a member of the Investments, Benefits, and Strategic Planning and Policy Committee, among other duties; and

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WHEREAS, throughout his tenure in the DCFEMS and the Retirement Board, Thomas H. Tippett exhibited integrity, rigor, and passion for the job, and served the members of DCFEMS, and the residents of Washington D.C., with a profound approach to public safety.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Thomas H. Tippett Retirement Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2020.”

Sec. 2. The Council honors Thomas H. Tippett on the occasion of his retirement from the District of Columbia Retirement Board and thanks him for the distinguished service and valuable contributions he has made to the District of Columbia.

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