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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-315

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 10, 2020

To recognize and honor Bruce Johnson for his outstanding accomplishments as an award-winning broadcast journalist and commend him for his civic and charitable contributions to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson was born on May 5, 1950 in Louisville, Kentucky;

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson is a graduate and noted alumnus of Northern Kentucky University with a degree in Political Science, and he also holds a Master's Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Cincinnati;

WHEREAS, in 1976, Bruce Johnson joined WUSA 9 TV, the CBS affiliate in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, in 1992, while on assignment, Bruce Johnson suffered a massive heart attack, and documented his experience on videotape which resulted in a nationally acclaimed series of reports on cardiovascular disease;

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson used his recovery from his heart attack to promote heart health and produced and moderated the documentary "Before You Eat the Church Food, Watch This Video";

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson is a local and national heart health advocate, and Mended Hearts.org awarded him a life membership for his work;

WHEREAS, during Bruce Johnson's career he has covered international stories and special reports in his role as reporter and anchor for the acclaimed "Capitols of the World" documentary series;

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WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson has authored two books: *Heart to Heart*, about his personal journey of recovery from a heart attack; and *All or Nothing, The Victor Page Story*;

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson is planning to release his memoir in 2021;

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson has won numerous awards, including 22 Emmys for his reporting and special assignments, the "Ted Yates Award," Washington broadcast journalism's highest honor; the Associated Press first place honors; the NATAS Board of Governors Award; and the Capitol Press Club has twice awarded him with its highest award;

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson has been inducted into NATAS Silver Circle, the Washington, DC Hall of Fame, and is soon to be inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame at the University of Kentucky;

WHEREAS, in 2003, Bruce Johnson was voted into the Society of Professional Journalists Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson is a member of the National Press Club in Washington, DC and the National Association of Black Journalists;

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson has received hundreds of civic awards from District organizations, from the District's Mayors and a Resolution in his honor from the Council of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson announced on October 6, 2020 that he was retiring from WUSA9 on December 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson has earned a reputation as one of the nation's best urban affairs and investigative journalists during his acclaimed career; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Johnson and his wife live in Ward 4, and Bruce Johnson is father to 3 children and grandfather to 3 grandsons.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Bruce Johnson Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2020".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates Bruce Johnson for the valuable contribution he has made during his 44-year career as a WUSA Channel 9 reporter and news anchor 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.