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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve a commemorative work located at the intersection of South Dakota Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., in a section of the Fort Circle Park located on Square 3712, Lots 101, 102, 103, and 104, to be known as the Legacy Memorial Park.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Legacy Memorial Park Commemorative Work Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014”.

Sec. 2. (a) On May 28, 2014, Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced PR 20-808, the Chuck Brown Memorial, Carter G. Woodson Memorial, and Metro Memorial Park Commemorative Works Approval Resolution of 2014. That legislation was referred to the Committee of the Whole, which held a hearing on the resolution on July 2, 2014.

(b) The proposed Metro Memorial Park contained in PR 20-808 has received necessary approvals from all relevant local and federal boards and commissions, including the Commission on the Arts and Humanities, the National Capital Memorial Advisory Committee, the National Capital Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, and the Commemorative Works Committee.

(c) Since introduction of PR 20-808, the memorial has been redesignated as the Legacy Memorial Park.

34 (d) Legacy Memorial Park will be located at the intersection of South Dakota  
35 Avenue and New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., in a section of the Fort Circle Park located on  
36 Square 3712, Lots 101, 102, 103, and 104.

37 (e) The memorial will be a living memorial that honors the victims, first  
38 responders, and families whose lives were altered by the deadliest crash in the 47-year history of  
39 the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, also known as WMATA or Metro. Nine  
40 sculptural pieces will serve as symbols representing the eight passengers and train operator who  
41 lost their lives, inspiring visitors to personally reflect on the events of June 22, 2009, and  
42 collectively grieve and celebrate the memories of loved ones.

43 (f) Because all necessary approvals have been obtained, funding has been  
44 identified, planning for the Memorial is well underway, and because of the need to move forward  
45 on completion of the memorial, the memorial should be approved.

46 (g) PR 20-808 contained approvals for 2 other memorials, one of which was  
47 passed by the Council on an emergency basis on July 14, 2014, and the other which was passed  
48 by the Council on an emergency basis on September 23, 2014. PR 20-808, however, cannot be  
49 adopted only in part to approve the Legacy Memorial Park. The Council did not act on PR 20-  
50 808 in whole because, at the time of its consideration, each memorial project not yet received all  
51 necessary approvals. Legacy Memorial Park received its final NCPC approval on December 5,  
52 2014 and Commission on Fine Arts approval on December 8, 2014.

53 (h) Approval of emergency legislation will allow the development of the Legacy  
54 Memorial Park to proceed without the need to retransmit an additional resolution next year.

55 Sec. 3 The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
56 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Legacy

57 Memorial Park Commemorative Works Emergency Approval Act of 2014 be adopted after a  
58 single reading.

59           Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.