


Councilmember Vincent B. Orange, Sr.

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor the Black Student Fund for its outstanding commitment, dedication, and service to the educational needs of the residents of Washington, D.C. and to celebrate the Black Student Fund's 50th Anniversary;

WHEREAS, the Black Student Fund was established in 1964 to provide essential advocacy, academic and retention support to academically motivated African American and other underserved students in the greater Washington DC metropolitan area; to facilitate their access, admission and successful matriculation and graduation from independent schools;

WHEREAS, the Black Student Fund advances educational choice by affording underserved students and families access to independent schools;

WHEREAS, the Black Student Fund advances issues of diversity at schools;

WHEREAS, the Black Student Fund has served 77 different schools during its 50 year history;

WHEREAS, the Black Student Fund informs the community about education issues;

WHEREAS, the Black Student Fund is a pioneer inspiring similar efforts across the Washington, D.C. area and mid-Atlantic region and is among the oldest of its kind in America;

WHEREAS, the Black Student Fund has more than 2000 alumni;

WHEREAS, Black Student Fund alumni have distinguished themselves by contributing significantly to their local community and beyond;

WHEREAS, the Black Student Fund's work has been recognized in the Washington Post, the Washingtonian Magazine, Catalogue For Philanthropy and hailed by educators;

WHEREAS, the Black Student Fund is celebrating fifty years of service within the Metropolitan Washington DC Community,

36 WHEREAS, after fifty years of service, the Black Student Fund remains an important
37 community resource for the future and an ardent supporter of education achievement and
38 advancement in the District of Columbia.

39 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution
40 may be cited as the “Black Student Fund 50th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2014”.

41 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the Black Student Fund for five
42 decades of extraordinary dedication and service to the education needs of the residents of
43 Washington, D.C., and celebrates Black Student Fund’s 50th Anniversary.

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