



Councilmember Jack Evans

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Council of the District of Columbia is proud to recognize and honor Immaculate Conception Church for its many contributions to the citizens of the city of Washington, D.C. and congratulates Immaculate Conception Church on 150 years of service.

WHEREAS, Immaculate Conception Church is located in center of the city in the historic Shaw community;

WHEREAS, Immaculate Conception Church was built in 1864 during the Civil War. While construction of public buildings was suspended due to the war effort, President Lincoln allowed churches to be built as a gesture for prayers for peace between the States;

WHEREAS, After the 1968 riots, Reverend Monsignor J. Joshua Mundell led the way for maintaining the parish community through the construction of Immaculate Conception Apartments at 7th & O Streets, NW and the Washington Apartments along 7th Street.

WHEREAS, Rev. Mundell was named “Shepherd of Shaw” for his bold efforts of maintaining the parish community. In 2001, he was succeeded by Reverend. Monsignor James D. Watkins as the 12th pastor and working with the City Council named N Street, directly in front of the church at 8th & N, “Msgr J. Mundell Way”;

WHEREAS, In 2003, the church properties (the church, rectory, convent and school) were placed on the National Register of Historic places by the U.S. Department of the Interior;

WHEREAS, In 2008, the Catholic school was closed having served the needs of education since 1864. Immaculate Conception Church continues to offer education services to the children of the neighborhood through the Public Charter School System;

WHEREAS, Immaculate Conception Church’s interior and exterior has been newly restored and the church features an outstanding choir;

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Immaculate Conception Church 150th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2014".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Immaculate Conception Church's 150 years serving the citizens of the District of Columbia and honors Immaculate Conception Church as it continues to be a beacon of hope and a house of prayer for all worshipers.

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