

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2023

To recognize and celebrate the life of Robert G. Cunningham for decades of service to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and for stepping in to protect passengers at the Potomac Avenue Metrorail Station on Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, Robert G. Cunningham served as a skilled low-voltage mechanic for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for more than 20 years;

WHEREAS, Mr. Cunningham had lived with his family in Silver Spring, Maryland, for more than 30 years, known by his neighbors as someone who would seek out problems and work to solve them;

WHEREAS, Mr. Cunningham had recently turned his focus toward retirement, focusing on ensuring that he and his wife and four children would be financially stable;

WHEREAS, Mr. Cunningham was known as quiet and respectful, well-liked by colleagues, recently expressing that if he were in a dangerous situation, he would do what it took to save the life of another, even if it meant putting his own life at risk;

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2023, Mr. Cunningham intervened when he saw people in danger and lost his life attempting to protect passengers in the Metrorail system:

WHEREAS, We all grieve for Mr. Cunningham, his family, and all who have been affected by this senseless tragedy;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Robert G. Cunningham Memorial Heroism Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Council celebrates the life of Robert G. Cunningham and honors his sacrifice in the course of protecting others.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.