

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 11, 2023

To recognize and honor Dabney Hudson for his exemplary service as President of the Washington, DC Firefighters International Association of Firefighters Local 36, and tireless commitment to protecting the residents, workers, and visitors of the District.

WHEREAS, Dabney Hudson earned a bachelor's degree from University of Maryland University College before beginning his career serving the people of the District as a firefighter with the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department ("Department");

WHEREAS, Dabney Hudson was first elected to the International Association of Firefighters Local 36 ("Local 36") Executive Board in 2010, following an impressive record of service in the Apparatus Committee;

WHEREAS, Dabney Hudson contributed meaningfully to the Apparatus Committee and played an instrumental role in the design of a new fire apparatus that has significantly benefited both residents and Local 36 membership;

WHEREAS, Dabney Hudson's unwavering dedication and efforts were crucial in assisting former Local 36 President Ed Smith in leading to notable advancements in the Department's fire apparatus fleet;

WHEREAS, the designs and specifications of the Fire Apparatus developed under Dabney Hudson's guidance have been emulated by fire departments nationwide;

WHEREAS, Dabney Hudson's commitment to labor equality and fairness prompted him to actively work towards the successful passage of the Collective Bargaining Fair Compare Amendment Act of 2020, which significantly leveled the playing field for labor throughout the District;

WHEREAS, Dabney Hudson has exemplary negotiation skills that resulted in the attainment of a new Collective Bargaining Agreement, which has positively impacted the welfare and rights of the membership of Local 36;

WHEREAS, Dabney Hudson provided invaluable assistance in conducting oversight by the Council over the Department by inviting Councilmembers to visit and tour firehouses and other facilities, and consistently displayed collegiality in the political process;

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Dabney Hudson demonstrated exceptional leadership, prioritizing the safety and well-being of Local 36 membership, and guiding them through challenging times with unwavering support;

WHEREAS, Dabney Hudson demonstrated his deep concern for the health and wellness of the Local 36 membership through the successful implementation and expansion of the O2X Program, which has played a pivotal role in supporting the physical and mental well-being of the membership of Local 36;

WHEREAS, Dabney Hudson has spearheaded the establishment and growth of an IAFF Peer Support Program, which serves as a vital resource for members in processing traumatic incidents; and

WHEREAS, Dabney Hudson, a distinguished individual, continues to exemplify his dedication to public service and the people of the District by serving as a Captain on Capitol Hill.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Dabney Hudson Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Dabney Hudson for his exemplary service as President of the Washington, DC Firefighters International Association of Firefighters Local 36, and tireless commitment to protecting the residents, workers, and visitors of the District.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.