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24 A CEREMONAL RESOLUTION

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27 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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31 To recognize and celebrate the Langston Terrace Dwellings for its 85th year anniversary.

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33 WHEREAS, built from 1935 to 1938 exclusively for African American residents, the Langston
34 Terrace Dwellings opened in 1938;

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36 WHEREAS, Langston Terrace Dwellings were the first affordable housing complex in the
37 District and second of its kind in the nation;

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39 WHEREAS, at the time African Americans were denied equal opportunities such as housing,
40 banks, and the court system to name a few;

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42 WHEREAS, Langston Terrace Dwellings was funded by the Public Works Administration
43 Housing Program;

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45 WHEREAS, 274-unit Langston Terrace Dwellings were mostly built by African Americans and
46 designed by native Washingtonian and architect African American Hilyard Robinson and named after
47 John Mercer Langston, Howard University Law School founder and US congressman from Virginia;
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49 WHEREAS, Langston Terrace Dwellings was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in
50 1987;

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52 WHEREAS, Hilyard Robinson was born in Capitol Hill in 1899, graduated from M Street High
53 School, studied architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, and received a graduate degree from
54 Columbia University;

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56 WHEREAS, Hilyard Robinson studied architecture in Europe, taught at Howard University, and
57 worked at the Department of the Interior as an architect designing public housing for African Americans;

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59 WHEREAS, Langston Terrace Dwellings houses a terra cotta frieze by Daniel Olney called “The
60 Progress of the Negro Race” in the central courtyard and chronicles African American history from
61 enslavement through World War I migration;

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63 WHEREAS, Langston Terrace Dwellings was a catalyst for the passage of the national Housing
64 Act;

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66 WHEREAS, Langston Terrace Dwellings are within walking distance of the Langston Golf
67 Course and Driving Range, named after John Mercer Langston, the first African American elected into
68 public office;

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70 WHEREAS, Langston Terrace Dwellings became a hub for the community and hosted a library,
71 nursery school and recreation center; and

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73 WHEREAS, the historic 11-acre site is undergoing a revitalization and modernization of the
74 historic property.

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76 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution
77 may be cited as the “Langston Terrace Dwellings Ceremonial Resolution of 2023”.

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79 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors recognizes and celebrates the Langston
80 Terrace Dwellings for its 85th year anniversary.

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