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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

25-114

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 19, 2023

To recognize and honor Henry Jones on his retirement and his over 35 years of serving the District of Columbia in the Department of Human Services, Youth Division and as a boxing ring announcer.

WHEREAS, Henry Jones received a BA in Behavioral Sciences from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina and a Masters in Social Work from the University of Maryland School of Social Work & Community Planning;

WHEREAS, Henry Jones retired from the Department of Human Services Youth Division in the District of Columbia Government after 37 years of working with adolescents, teens and Teen Parents;

WHEREAS, Henry Jones served as City Supervisor for the new unit on Missing and Runaway Youth;

WHEREAS, Henry Jones has also been the only ring announcer for pro boxing in Washington, DC for the past 35 years, during which he has appeared on USA Tues Nite Fites, ESPN, HBO and Showtime;

WHEREAS, Henry Jones in addition to District of Columbia venues, has announced in Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall, Atlantic City Casinos, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania's Blue Horizon, and in China;

WHEREAS, Henry Jones is the only ring announcer to be inducted into the DC Boxing Hall of Fame, and is now the only African-American ring announcer in the history of professional boxing;

WHEREAS, Henry Jones has served with the DC Combat Sports Commission, formerly the DC Boxing Commission, since 1988 and is now the longest serving official;

WHEREAS, Henry Jones was recognized by the 100 Fathers Inc. Organization as Community Father of the Year;

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Henry Jones on his retirement and his over 35 years of serving the District of Columbia in the Department of Human Services, Youth Division and as a boxing ring announcer.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.