

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2023

To honor and celebrate the Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives for serving as a beacon of educational equity and historical education preservation in Washington, D.C., for over 150 years.

WHEREAS, the Charles Sumner School, named after prominent abolitionist and civil rights activist U.S. Senator Charles Sumner, was built in 1872, and was one of the earliest public school buildings in the District of Columbia for African-American students, serving as an elementary school, a secondary school, and a preparatory school;

WHEREAS, since its renovation in 1986, the school, located in Ward 2, has served as the official museum and archives for the District of Columbia Public Schools and contains a rich collection detailing the history of public education in Washington, D.C., from 1804 to the present;

WHEREAS, the Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979 and placed under the stewardship of the Office of the State Superintendent of Education in 2007;

WHEREAS, for over 35 years the Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives has been instrumental in preserving the history of District of Columbia Public Schools, serving the public, and acting as an incubator and resource for Washington, D.C., scholars, visitors, and residents.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Charles Sumner School 150th Anniversary Celebration Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Council honors the Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives for serving as a beacon of educational equity and historical education preservation in Washington, D.C., for more than 150 years.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.