

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2023

To recognize Dr. Ben Vinson III for his inauguration as the 18th President of Howard University.

WHEREAS, Dr. Ben Vinson III officially began his service to Howard University as its 18th president on September 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, President Vinson III previously served as Provost and Executive Vice President at Case Western Reserve University where he was responsible for all facets of academic and university research;

WHEREAS, President Vinson III will honor the vibrant legacy of Howard University, a federally chartered historically black research university, at their Homecoming on October 15th through 22nd, 2023;

WHEREAS, President Vinson III is tasked with inspiring, innovating, and strategically leading the Howard community;

WHEREAS, President Vinson III presides over an institution that continues to strengthen its storied legacy of embracing and serving its community, and engaging in scholarship and practices that puts the voices and experiences of Howard students, faculty, staff, and alumni at the center;

WHEREAS, Howard University has a long-standing commitment to the education of traditionally disadvantaged persons in American society and throughout the world with a goal of eliminating inequities related to race or color or social, economic, and political circumstances.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution be cited as the “Howard University President Dr. Ben Vinson III Inaugural Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

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Sec. 2. The Council and District of Columbia welcomes President Vinson III and his family back to the District and embraces his desire to further Howard University's positive force of change in our society.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.