

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2023

To recognize and honor the life of Henderson “OT” Blount and his dedication and work to keep the District’s forests healthy.

WHEREAS, Henderson “OT” Blount was born in Hampton, Virginia on October 7, 1968, the youngest of 6 children, eventually moving to the District and becoming Ward 8 Woods Conservancy’s longest serving park steward;

WHEREAS, Mr. Blount began working for Ward 8 Woods Conservancy in October 2020, rarely missing a day of work, helping the organization remove more than 1,000,000 pounds of trash from the District’s often forgotten forested areas;

WHEREAS, Mr. Blount was funny, outgoing, and not shy to pull a prank on a co-worker, but he also provided the wisdom of age—helping him earn his nickname of OT, for Old Timer—and was a stickler for safety and sanitation;

WHEREAS, Mr. Blount was known as a man his friends and co-workers could always count on, ensuring that co-workers took breaks on hot days and spending the night alongside a friend and co-worker during a hospital visit;

WHEREAS, Mr. Blount passed away on August 8, 2023, from heart complications; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blount is survived by, mourned, and remembered with love by 5 older sisters and a host of nieces, nephews, grand-nephews, relatives, and friends.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That the Council recognizes and thanks Henderson “OT” Blount for his years of dedication to improving the District’s natural spaces and sends condolences to his family and friends.

Sec. 2. This resolution may be cited as the “OT Blount Memorial Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.