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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

25-173

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 6, 2024

To recognize, honor, and celebrate Dr. Colin “Topper” Carew for his founding and direction of The New Thing Art and Architectural Center in Adams Morgan, Washington, District of Columbia, and his outsized impact on the world of architecture, television, film, and the arts.

WHEREAS, Dr. Carew was born in Boston, Massachusetts on July 16, 1943;

WHEREAS, Dr. Carew attended Howard University’s School of Architecture, received a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture and Master of Science in environmental design from Yale University, and obtained a PhD in communications from Union Graduate School and Institute for Policy Studies;

WHEREAS, in 1966 Dr. Carew founded The New Thing Art and Architecture Center in Adams Morgan located at 1811 Florida Avenue NW;

WHEREAS, the New Thing Art and Architecture Center facilitated youth art programming, organized local concerts, housed a base for community advocacy, and offered countless opportunities to District residents;

WHEREAS, in 1972 Dr. Carew received the Community Fellowship from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology;

WHEREAS, Dr. Carew went to work at WGBH where he produced several national Public Broadcasting Service series;

WHEREAS, Dr. Carew founded Rainbow Television Workshop in 1974 with his late wife, producer Alyce S. Carew;

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WHEREAS, Dr. Carew wrote and produced DC Cab, a motion picture set in the District, among other notable movies and television series;

WHEREAS, in 2012 Dr. Carew was appointed as a research scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and was later promoted to principal investigator in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab; and

WHEREAS, beginning February 7, 2024 Jackson-Reed High School’s Digital Media Academy in conjunction with The Community Coalition for Change will host the “New Perspective on the New Thing: A Photography Exhibition Documenting DC’s Revolutionary Community Arts Center” at American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Colin “Topper” Carew Recognition Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates Dr. Colin “Topper” Carew for his exemplary service to the District of Columbia and its residents as the founder and director of The New Thing Art and Architectural Center.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.