

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 5, 2024

To recognize, honor, and celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tivoli Theater, located in the District’s storied Columbia Heights neighborhood in Ward 1.

WHEREAS, the Tivoli Theater is a landmark building constructed in Washington, D.C. in 1924, reflective of Italian Renaissance and Mediterranean Revival architectural styles with stucco exterior, a red tile roof, ornate cornices, and numerous graceful arches;

WHEREAS, the Tivoli Theater opened on April 5, 1924 as a 2,500 seat “movie palace” that anchored a vibrant neighborhood and provided entertainment for residents all across the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Tivoli Theater has contributed to the rich history of entertainment offerings and established itself as a distinctive space for community engagement and artistic expression;

WHEREAS, in 1976 the Tivoli Theater ceased to operate as a movie theater and was boarded up and shuttered for a time, and plans were enacted to demolish the structure;

WHEREAS, due to the organizing work of community groups such as Save the Tivoli, the Tivoli Theater was designated as a National Historic Landmark;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia entered into a public-private partnership with Horning (formerly Horning Brothers) to bring new uses to the Tivoli Theater and its surrounding land including a grocery store, housing, office space, retail, and the GALA Hispanic Theater;

WHEREAS, this partnership created a path for the Tivoli to thrive and secured a critical anchor for the Columbia Heights neighborhood.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Tivoli Theater 100th Anniversary Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2024”.

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates 100 years of the Tivoli Theater and its distinctive place among the grand buildings of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.