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2 Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr.

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6 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION  
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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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15 To recognize and honor Father Michael J. Kelley for his 40 years of pastoral and community  
16 service in the District of Columbia.  
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18 WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Kelley was born in Spokane, Washington, and ordained as  
19 a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington on May 17, 1975;  
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21 WHEREAS, in 1992, Father Michael J. Kelley was named pastor of Saint Martin of  
22 Tours Parish in Washington, DC, where he continues to serve as pastor today;  
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24 WHEREAS, Saint Martin of Tours Catholic Church is an open and diverse parish that  
25 promotes justice and peace;  
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27 WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Kelley partnered with Catholic Charities, local  
28 community groups, and the District of Columbia government to build and manage The Summit  
29 at St. Martin's Apartments, an affordable workforce housing apartment complex for individuals  
30 and families;  
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32 WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Kelley opens St. Martin's Community Center any day of  
33 the week to give children in the neighborhood a safe place to play basketball;  
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35 WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Kelley provides space for community organizations at the  
36 St. Martin's Community Center, including numerous Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics  
37 Anonymous groups that meet seven days a week;  
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39 WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Kelley authorized the creation of a Black and Women's  
40 History Ministry so parishioners can celebrate and explore the richness, value, and contributions  
41 of black people and women of all races to the church, community, city, and the world;  
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43 WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Kelley is a founder and board member of the North  
44 Capitol Street and Rhode Island Avenue Ecumenical Council comprised of seven churches that  
45 serve the spiritual, educational, and social needs of their respective communities;  
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47           WHEREAS, Father Michael J. Kelley takes time to reach out to new neighbors while also  
48 continuing to serve longtime residents;  
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50           RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, This  
51 resolution may be cited as the “Father Michael J. Kelley Recognition Resolution of 2017.”  
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53           Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Father Michael J.  
54 Kelley for his decades of service to Saint Martin of Tours Parish, to the Bloomingdale  
55 community, and to the District of Columbia.  
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57           Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
58 the District of Columbia Register.