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16 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION  
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21 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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25 To recognize and honor Amha W. Selassie for his outstanding service to the District of Columbia  
26 Government.  
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28 WHEREAS, Mr. Amha W. Selassie was born and raised in Ethiopia. After graduating  
29 from college in 1971, he was hired by the Ministry of Interior. He successively served as Chief of  
30 the Office of Development Affairs, Director of Provincial Administration and then Chief of Staff  
31 of the Minister's Office and Special Assistant to the Minister.  
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33 WHEREAS, In 1975, when a repressive military regime came into power, Mr. Selassie had  
34 to leave his country. He went to the Netherlands where he studied at the Institute of Social Studies  
35 and obtained a Master of Public Administration degree.  
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37 WHEREAS, Mr. Selassie emigrated to the United States and was admitted to Georgetown  
38 University's School of Foreign Service, where he received a Master of Science in Foreign Service  
39 degree. While at Georgetown, Mr. Selassie was hired as a Research Assistant at the Overseas  
40 Development Council (ODC). At ODC he participated in studies on how to strengthen the energy  
41 security of developing countries. After graduation, Mr. Selassie continued in a full-time position  
42 as a fellow where he coordinated various studies on development issues.  
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44 WHEREAS, In 1983, Mr. Selassie was hired by the District of Columbia Government to  
45 work in the area of refugee resettlement. In 1985, he was transferred to the State Health Planning

1 and Development Agency (SHPDA) in the Department of Health. In 1987, he became the Chief  
2 of the Certificate of Need (CON) program and in 1997 he was appointed as the SHPDA Director.

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4 WHEREAS, For the last three decades, Mr. Selassie has participated in CON reviews and  
5 in the development of various health plans, most recently managing the development of a new  
6 comprehensive District of Columbia Health Systems Plan. As a result, Mr. Selassie is a subject  
7 matter expert in the history and operations of the public and private health care delivery system in  
8 the District of Columbia, and the DC Health CON czar.

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10 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
11 That this resolution may be cited as the “Amha W. Selassie Recognition Resolution of 2020.”

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13 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby recognizes and honors Amha W.  
14 Selassie for his untiring dedication to the citizens of the District of Columbia and to the  
15 Government of the District of Columbia.

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17 Sec 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the  
18 District of Columbia Register.