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5 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION  
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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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13 To recognize and honor Dr. Kelsey E. Collie’s induction into the Washington, D.C. Hall of Fame  
14 for his contribution to cultural arts.  
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16 WHEREAS, Ward 5 resident Dr. Kelsey E. Collie’s five decades of service to the  
17 cultural arts community in the form of teaching, mentoring, directing and producing theatre have  
18 left an indelible mark on the Ward, city, country and world in numerous ways;  
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20 WHEREAS, Dr. Collie has directed productions at the Kennedy Center, New York’s  
21 Empire State Theater and Lincoln Center, and Nassau’s Crystal Palace;  
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23 WHEREAS, Dr. Collie has dedicated his career to theatre to include 35 years at the  
24 university level and 10 years at the secondary education level;  
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26 WHEREAS, Dr. Collie is Professor Emeritus of Theater Arts at Howard University  
27 where he also served as Assistant Dean of Fine Arts;  
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29 WHEREAS, Dr. Collie’s former Howard University and HUCT students include  
30 Anthony Anderson, Taraji P. Henson, Chadwick Boseman, Tony Powell and Kelly Williams;  
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32 WHEREAS, prior to joining the faculty at Howard University’s Theater Department, Dr.  
33 Collie founded the internationally-renowned Howard University Children’s Theater (HUCT);  
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35 WHEREAS, under his leadership, HUCT became the premier African American  
36 children’s theater and was named the “Most Outstanding New Children’s Theater in the USA”  
37 by the Children’s Theater Association;  
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39 WHEREAS, Dr. Collie developed Howard University’s major in children’s theater,  
40 which was one of only two programs at historically black colleges or universities (HBCU)  
41 accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theater;  
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43           WHEREAS, Dr. Collie taught drama at Barnard and Minor elementary schools and  
44 conducted theatre workshops in several other District of Columbia public schools; and  
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46           WHEREAS, Dr. Collie currently serves as Artistic Director for the Kuumba Preparatory  
47 School of the Arts here in the District.  
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49           RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
50 resolution may be cited as the “Dr. Kelsey E. Collie Washington, D.C. Hall of Fame Induction  
51 Recognition Resolution of 2021”.  
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53           Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Dr. Collie for his  
54 many years of leadership and service to the city and residents of the District of Columbia.  
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56           Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.