



Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

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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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12 To recognize and honor John F. Tatum, Sr.'s induction into the Washington, D.C. Hall of Fame
13 for his contribution to sports.
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15 WHEREAS, Ward 5 resident John F. Tatum, Sr.'s life-long participation and leadership
16 in health and fitness, as a swimmer, continues to promote active living and wellness for persons
17 of all ages;
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19 WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum is a nine-time National Senior Games gold medalist in the 50-
20 meter freestyle, 100-meter freestyle, and 50-meter breast stroke;
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22 WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum received the Personal Best Award from the National Senior
23 Games Association (NSGA), a nonprofit member of the U.S. Olympic Committee, for his
24 dedication to health and fitness;
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26 WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum was named Honoree for the 27th Annual Black History
27 Invitational Swim Meet held in Washington, D.C. – an event co-founded in 1987 by the D.C.
28 Department of Parks and Recreation and the United Black Fund, Inc. to celebrate the
29 contributions of African Americans to U.S. society;
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31 WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum was named to the D.C. Sports Athletic Association (DCSAA)
32 High School Hall of Fame for being an all-around athlete as a former member of the basketball,
33 baseball and swim teams at Armstrong High School in the era of public school segregation;
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35 WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum is 101-years-young and was recently honored by Mayor Bowser
36 at the city's 33rd Annual Salute to D.C. Centenarians;
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38 WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum received the Legends Award from the DMV AIA – Athletes in
39 Action for being a historian and caregiver to the larger D.C. metropolitan community; and
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41 WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum is a member of the D.C. Water Wizards swim team, a local
42 aquatics program for residents over the age of 50.
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44 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
45 resolution may be cited as the “John F. Tatum, Sr. Washington, D.C. Hall of Fame Induction
46 Recognition Resolution of 2021”.

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48 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Mr. Tatum for his
49 many years of leadership to the city and residents of the District of Columbia.

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51 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.