


Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor Trinity Washington University for its 125-year anniversary as an educational institution of higher learning in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Trinity Washington University was founded as Trinity College in 1897 by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur as the nation's first Catholic liberal arts college for women;

WHEREAS, for more than 70 years, Trinity Washington University thrived as a Catholic women's college, filling a much-needed space in post-secondary education as many universities were still all male;

WHEREAS, once many colleges shifted from all-male to coeducational institutions, Trinity Washington began offering a weekend college for women from the District of Columbia, helping women earn higher education degrees on the weekend while continuing to work during the week;

WHEREAS, during the 1980s and 1990s, Trinity Washington University suffered from low enrollment. Patricia McGuire, President of Trinity, shifted the school's recruiting approach and reached out to Black and Hispanic women in Washington, D.C. As a result of recruiting from D.C. high schools, the school's enrollment increased, and Trinity became the private college of choice for women graduates from D.C. public schools;

WHEREAS, Trinity Washington University remains loyal to its original founding mission of educating women. While men may attend Trinity at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, only women may attend the undergraduate College of Arts & Sciences;

WHEREAS, Trinity Washington University has educated leaders who continue to have a national and international impact. Trinity alumni include Nancy Pelosi, Kellyanne Conway, Rosemary Collyer, Maggie Williams, Caryle Murphy, and Kathleen Sebelius; and

37 WHEREAS, Trinity Washington University is an outstanding higher learning institution in
38 the District of Columbia.
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40 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
41 resolution may be cited as the “Trinity Washington University 125-Year Anniversary Recognition
42 Resolution of 2022”.
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44 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Trinity Washington
45 University on its 125-year anniversary.
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47 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.