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A CEREMONAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor the life and accomplishments of Radwan (“Ronnie”) Awad.

WHEREAS, Radwan Awad, also known as Ronnie Awad was born on August 7, 1967 in Kuwait and raised in Palestine by his mother along with his five siblings; his father immigrated to the United States and would later be instrumental in bringing him here;

WHEREAS, Ronnie Awad immigrated to the DMV area over 30 years ago, raised his family in Alexandria, Virginia, and spent his entire career working in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Ronnie Awad was married to Silvia Awad and they are survived by two children, Hasan Awad, and Summer Awad;

WHEREAS, Ronnie Awad was a skilled technician who served the District of Columbia for over 30 years, and spent the first half of his career operating his shop on South Capitol Street the near the present-day Washington Nationals Park;

WHEREAS, Ronnie Awad relocated his vehicle repair business to 1800 Rhode Island Avenue NE in Ward 5 where he became a cornerstone of the Langdon neighborhood for the last 13 years;

WHEREAS, Ronnie Awad served unofficially as a repository of local oral history to trusted friends and neighbors for decades;

WHEREAS, Ronnie Awad almost every day except for Sundays would welcome friends, neighbors, and people passing by into his office for a cup of coffee and converse about the neighborhood’s cultural history, people, important events, global affairs, and everyday life on Rhode Island Ave NE;

WHEREAS, Ronnie Awad transcended the role of a mere skilled technician underneath his hydraulic lift or in one of his garages; he was the heartbeat of the neighborhood on US Route 1;

WHEREAS, Ronnie Awad specialized in servicing transmission services and possessed talents for engineering solutions for car repairs;

51 WHEREAS, Ronnie Awad passed on November 13, 2023 and leaves a legacy that will live on in  
52 Ward 5 for generations to come.

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54 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution  
55 may be cited as the “Ronnie Awad Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2024”.

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57 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Radwan Awad for his years of dedication  
58 to his community, family, and friends where he was a leader and pillar of the community.

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

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