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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 Shawn Hilgendorf for his outstanding service to the Council of the District
14 of Columbia and his extraordinary contributions to the residents of the District
15 through his leadership, dedication, and expertise.
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17 WHEREAS, Shawn Hilgendorf served the Council of the District of Columbia
18 with distinction since 2013, working with 3 Council offices, including serving as the
19 Committee Director for the Committee on Facilities and Procurement, the Committee on
20 Government Operations and Facilities, and, most recently, the Committee on Housing,
21 and has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to the legislative and oversight
22 responsibilities entrusted to the Council;
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24 WHEREAS, since joining Council, Shawn Hilgendorf has held every role
25 imaginable on the legislative and committee sides of a Council office, excelling in each
26 with a calm and deliberate approach, earning the trust and respect of Councilmembers,
27 colleagues, advocates, and residents alike;
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29 WHEREAS, Shawn Hilgendorf is a steadfast leader and the driving force behind
30 significant legislative accomplishments, including reforms in special education, public
31 safety, and youth justice, policies supporting returning citizens, initiatives to improve
32 housing and homeless services, supports for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions,
33 improved public facility conditions for public school students, expanded anti-
34 discrimination laws, and diligent stewardship of public lands, leaving an indelible impact
35 on the lives of District residents;
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37 WHEREAS, since 2016, Shawn Hilgendorf's steady hand, deep institutional
38 knowledge, and diplomatic demeanor have made him an indispensable member of
39 Councilmember Robert White's team and one of Councilmember White's most trusted
40 advisors;
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42 WHEREAS, Shawn Hilgendorf is an exemplary colleague who is always
43 available to listen, work through challenges, and offer thoughtful insights, fostering a
44 collaborative and supportive work environment;
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46 WHEREAS, Shawn Hilgendorf’s intellect, expertise, and ability to navigate
47 complex policy issues have contributed to transformative change in the District, and his
48 commitment to fairness, equity, and collaboration have earned him the admiration of his
49 colleagues and the broader community; and

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51 WHEREAS, Shawn Hilgendorf’s departure leaves a significant void not only in
52 Councilmember Robert White’s office but also in the Council as a whole, where his
53 insights, wisdom, and leadership will be deeply missed.

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55 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That
56 this resolution may be cited as the “Shawn Hilgendorf Recognition Resolution of 2025”.

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58 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Shawn Hilgendorf for
59 his years of dedicated service and his lasting contributions to the residents of the District.

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