Councilmember Wendell Felder

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize, honor, and celebrate the contributions Matthew F. Shannon has made to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Matthew F. Shannon received a Bachelor of Arts in History and Communications from Howard University in 1971 and a Juris Doctor from Howard University in 1974;

WHEREAS, Matthew F. Shannon returned to the District of Columbia in 1976, serving as an Assistant Director with the American Savings and Loan League;

WHEREAS, in 1977, he entered the private practice of law in the District of Columbia handling civil matters;

WHEREAS, he entered public service with the District of Columbia government on January 2, 1979, serving as Special Assistant to the Mayor for Labor and Religious Affairs;

WHEREAS, Matthew F. Shannon was appointed Acting Director of the District of Columbia Department of Labor in March 1979, where he primarily implemented the first Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program in which 30,000 youth between the ages of 14 and 21 were employed;

WHEREAS, in 1981, he began serving as the Deputy Director for Program Operations of the D.C. Department of Employment Services;

WHEREAS, in 1983, Matthew F. Shannon was named the Director of the D.C. Department of Employment Services, a position he held for four years, during which time he successfully lowered the unemployment rate in the District by 1.25%;

WHEREAS, he returned to the private practice of law in 1986, managing complex trusts and estates;

WHEREAS, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the District of Columbia Children Youth Investment Corporation in 2008;

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Matthew F. Shannon has volunteered on countless boards including the boards of Elizabeth Seaton High School, the D.C. Youth Orchestra Program, the D.C. Apprenticeship Council, Luke C. Moore High School, and WE CAN, an East of the Anacostia Youth Development Organization;

WHEREAS, he served as Chair of the Ward 7 Democrats and as a member of the D.C. State Committee, where he initiated the hats, coats, and gloved program for youth in Ward 7;

WHEREAS, he has received multiple awards over the course of his legal career, including the American Jurisprudence Award for the Study of Administrative Law, Insurance Law, Criminal Procedure, Decedents Estates and Trusts, and Small Business Law;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution is hereby cited as the "Matthew F. Shannon Recognition Resolution of 2026."

Sec.2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates Matthew F. Shannon for his leadership and service in support of the District of Columbia.

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