
  
Councilmember Vincent C. Gray

  
Councilmember Jack Evans

  
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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and congratulate Reverend Raymond B. Kemp on his 50<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary.

WHEREAS, Reverend Raymond B. Kemp is a native Washingtonian, Catholic priest, tireless advocate for the poor and homeless, and a Georgetown University professor on race, class, and social justice;

WHEREAS, Reverend Raymond B. Kemp was ordained on May 6, 1967, at Saint Matthews Cathedral;

WHEREAS, Reverend Raymond B. Kemp graduated from Gonzaga College High School in 1959 and Saint Mary's Seminary and University, the oldest Catholic seminary in the United States;

WHEREAS, Reverend Raymond B. Kemp served the Saints Paul and Augustine parish from 1967 to 1981, one of the largest parishes in Washington, DC, and the oldest black Catholic church in the Nation's Capital;

WHEREAS, Reverend Raymond B. Kemp's distinguished contributions to education in the District of Columbia includes service on the Board of Trustees for the University of the District of Columbia, Board of Directors for Gonzaga College High school, and Elected Member of the Board of Education;

WHEREAS, Reverend Raymond B. Kemp has served on the District of Columbia Mayor's Interfaith Council since 2008;

WHEREAS, Reverend Raymond B. Kemp's service to civic affairs in the District of Columbia includes membership on numerous boards of directors, including DC Special Olympics, DC Central Kitchen, College Campus Kitchens, The Georgetown Center for Liturgy Advisory Board, Neediest Kids Fund, and DC Bar Board of Governors;

WHEREAS, Reverend Raymond B. Kemp was a founder of the 14<sup>th</sup> and U Streets Coalition, founder of the Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Partnership, and past-President of the Community Action Group;

WHEREAS, Reverend Raymond B. Kemp is renowned for his decades of commitment to social activism and education in the DC and Georgetown University communities, engaging the church, students, and community on biblical and social justice;

WHEREAS, Reverend Raymond B. Kemp's distinguished career with Georgetown University includes his current position as Special Assistant to the President of the University, adjunct professor in the Georgetown University Department of Theology, and team member for the McDonough School of Business's Executive Masters in Leadership for DC Public School and Public Charter School principals;

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Reverend Raymond B. Kemp Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2017".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Reverend Raymond B. Kemp on his 50<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary for his decades of service to residents 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.