

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 2, 2017

To recognize Dr. Steven Knapp for his accomplishments and successes during his tenure as the 16th president of the George Washington University, and to declare May 6, 2017 as “Steven Knapp Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Dr. Steven Knapp will complete a decade of service to the George Washington University (“GWU”) as its 16th president on July 31, 2017;

WHEREAS, President Knapp’s leadership and devotion to the District of Columbia metropolitan community has included increasing access of higher-education opportunities to numerous lower-income District of Columbia high school students with initiatives such as the District Scholars Award;

WHEREAS, President Knapp has strengthened many fruitful partnerships within the District of Columbia metropolitan community, including his service as chair of the board of trustees of the Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area, co-chair of the Age-Friendly DC Taskforce, and service on the boards of the Economic Club of Washington, D.C., the Greater Washington Urban League, the Federal City Council, and the Greater Washington Board of Trade (ex-officio);

WHEREAS, President Knapp has significantly built upon GWU’s culture of public and community service by helping create the Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service, GWU’s Freshman Day of Service, and a record 658,350 hours of community service logged this past year by the GWU community;

WHEREAS, President Knapp has spearheaded GWU’s commitment to sustainable actions that provide us all with a healthier future, including the creation of 13 LEED-certified projects at GWU, the current sourcing of 50% of the university’s electricity from solar power, thus cutting annual CO2 emissions by 42,000 metric tons, and signing a pledge for GWU to achieve carbon neutrality by 2040; and

WHEREAS, President Knapp has catalyzed the university’s continued growth as a world-class research institution and the economic, cultural, and civic life of the District of Columbia metropolitan area with the collaboration between the Corcoran Gallery of Art and the National

Gallery of Art to form the Corcoran College of Art and Design, the creation of the GWU School of Nursing, the Science and Engineering Hall, the George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum, the GW Cancer Center, the Global Women's Institute, the Computational Biology Initiative, the Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders Institute, and the Urban Food Task Force.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "George Washington University President Steven Knapp Legacy Recognition Resolution of 2017".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia acknowledges and honors President Knapp for his outstanding contributions to the people and institutions throughout the District of Columbia metropolitan area, and declares May 6, 2017 as "Steven Knapp Day" in the District of Columbia.

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