Councilmember Michael A. Brown

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To support the University of the District of Columbia by encouraging the federal government to include $12 million in the District of Columbia Federal Payment for the School Improvement section of the FY 2011 budget for the only urban public land-grant institution in the nation, the University of the District of Columbia, and to supplement the amount the administration places in the D.C. appropriations for District of Columbia Public Schools, charter schools, and private school vouchers.

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia, the only urban public land-grant institution in the nation, is a comprehensive institution offering affordable post-secondary education to District of Columbia residents at the certificate, baccalaureate and graduate levels;

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia is committed to increasing access to and success in higher education for District of Columbia residents;

WHEREAS, the main campus of the University of the District of Columbia is in great need of modernization and expansion, and new programs are being created at the University such as, the Community College of DC;

WHEREAS, for years, the University has not received necessary funding and innovation and has suffered significant deterioration to its campus;

WHEREAS, significant investment has been made by the federal government in the District of Columbia education reform at the elementary and secondary levels and in order to improve the city’s K-12 system, it is necessary for the federal government to invest in post-secondary opportunities as well;

WHEREAS, the current Administration and Congress have made postsecondary access and completion a top priority;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “District of Columbia Public Higher Education Investment Recognition Resolution of 2009”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the need for significant investment in the University of the District of Columbia, the nation’s only public land-grant institution, in order to rehabilitate its multiple campuses, support new programs, and encourage further innovation.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia urges the federal government and President Barack Obama to include the University of the District of Columbia under the Federal Payment for School Improvement section of the fiscal year 2011 federal budget.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of its publication in the District of Columbia Register.