

**Resolution Honoring William N. Brown  
for  
20 Years of Service and Accomplishment  
As President of  
The Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia**

Whereas, William N. Brown—Bill Brown— has stepped down after 20 years as President of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia, Washington’s first and finest civic organization, founded in 1865; and,

Whereas, under his guidance, membership in the Association doubled to its current total of more than 320 proudly diverse native and longtime Washingtonians; and,

Whereas, Bill has brought vision, persistence, integrity, and energy to the presidency of AOI; and,

Whereas he has been a tireless advocate in the public arena for the preservation of what was best in Washington’s past, and the promotion of the best for its future; and

Whereas, proceeding from these qualities, Bill, in cooperation with other dedicated members of the Association, has achieved results of lasting and material benefit to the District of Columbia and its citizens; and that among these accomplishments are included

- Two decades of successful advocacy for the preservation and enhancement of the L’Enfant and McMillan Plans for the City of Washington—Bill has represented AOI at countless hearings, panels, and sessions of various public agencies and civic organizations;
- The successful campaign to restore the statue of Governor William R. Shepherd to its place of honor at the John A. Wilson Building after an absence of 26 years;

- Support for the work of the Historical Society of Washington and its Kiplinger Research Library and the maintenance and organization of the Association's archives deposited with the Historical Society;
- Preservation of the District of Columbia World War I War Memorial as it was originally conceived—a place of honor for the men and women of Washington, D.C., who gave their lives in that conflict, including an acclaimed public ceremony recalling the sacrifice of Washington's World War I dead and held at the Memorial on November 11, 2018, the centennial anniversary of the Great War's end;
- Celebration in 2015 of the Association's sesquicentennial, highlighted by grants by the Association to aid six District of Columbia historical and educational organizations and institutions in their work;
- Ongoing advocacy on behalf of the District of Columbia Archives, working for a modern facility open to the public and maintained by professional staff for the care and preservation of the written and printed heritage of the people of Washington;
- Development and maintenance of AOI's award-winning website, publication of the Association's newsletter, and regular communications of news to its members.

Now, therefore, the members and directors of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants extend their thanks to Bill Brown for a job well and faithfully discharged, convey their best wishes for his future endeavors, and express their fervent hope he will continue his work on behalf of the Association, even as he transitions from its presidency; and,

By unanimous vote, the members and directors confer on William N. Brown the position of Distinguished Life Member of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia, in recognition of his achievements and contributions.

Washington, District of Columbia,  
November 15, 2019, in the 244<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of the United States, and the 154<sup>th</sup> of the Founding of the Association.