

**A RESOLUTION**

**Proposed  
Resolution  
20-1035**

**See Emergency  
D.C. Act 20-431  
20 DCStat 4148**

**Carter G.  
Woodson  
Memorial  
Commemorati  
ve Work  
Emergency  
Declaration  
Resolution of  
2014**

*To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to approve the commemorative work on  
Reservation 157 to be known as the Carter G. Woodson Memorial.*

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Carter G. Woodson Memorial Commemorative Work Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014”.

Sec. 2. (a) On May 28, 2014, Chairman Phil Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced PR 20-808, the Chuck Brown Memorial, Carter G. Woodson Memorial, and Metro Memorial Park Commemorative Works Approval Resolution of 2014. That legislation was referred to the Committee of the Whole, which held a hearing on the resolution on July 2, 2014.

(b) The proposed Carter G. Woodson Memorial contained in PR 20-808 has received necessary approvals from all relevant local and federal boards and commissions, including the Commission on the Arts and Humanities, the National Capital Memorial Advisory Committee, the National Capital Planning Commission, the Commission of Fine Arts, the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E, and the Commemorative Works Committee.

(c) The Carter G. Woodson Memorial would be located at the corner of Rhode Island Avenue and 9<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., near the Carter G. Woodson House National Historic Site being developed as a new park unit by the National Park Service.

(d) The memorial will honor Carter G. Woodson, who was an African-American historian, author, and journalist and who was one of the first scholars to study African American history and is considered the father of black history. He moved to Washington, D.C., in 1895, graduated from Douglass High School in 1897, taught in D.C. Public Schools, served as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Howard University, and lived at 1538 9<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., from 1915 until his death in 1950.

(e) The proposed memorial design will include an interactive sculpture of Carter G. Woodson seated on a circular stone bench, surrounded by a paved plaza, and set within a landscaped, triangle park.

(f) Because all necessary approvals have been obtained, funding has been identified, planning for the Memorial is well underway, and because of the need to order materials to complete the memorial park as soon as possible before the winter months, the memorial should be approved.

(g) PR 20-808 contained approvals for 2 other memorials, one of which was passed by the Council on an emergency basis on July 14, 2014, and the other which has not yet received all necessary approvals from local and federal entities. PR 20-808, however, cannot be adopted

only in part to approve the Carter G. Woodson Memorial. Because of procedural and time constraints, the Council could not act to consider another resolution in a timely manner.

(h) Approval of emergency legislation will allow the development of the Carter G. Woodson memorial to proceed in the fall.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Carter G. Woodson Commemorative Works Emergency Approval Act of 2014 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.