WHEREAS, Gallaudet University is celebrating its 150th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Gallaudet University continues to be the nation's premiere higher educational institution for individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing; and

WHEREAS, Gallaudet University students can enroll in graduate and certificate programs that include: master of arts, master of science, doctoral and specialist degrees in fields that involve professional service for deaf and hard of hearing people; and undergraduate students can choose from more than 40 majors including bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degrees; and

WHEREAS, Gallaudet University student-athletes have gained attention across the country and abroad for their accomplishments and for their success in the classroom by being named All-Academic honorees within the collegiate conferences:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2014, as "GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY DAY" in Washington, D.C. and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in this special celebration.

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