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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 6, 2007

To recognize and honor the District of Columbia School Counselors Association ("DCSCA") in conjunction with its DCSCA Annual Luncheon, and to declare February 5 through February 9, 2007, as "National School Counseling Week" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, February 5 - 9, 2007, is designated National School Counseling Week, with the theme: "School Counselors: Changing Lives, Building Futures," and offers school counselors the ideal opportunity to tout the important work they do;

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential;

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents, as these traits relate to career awareness and development;

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal, and social growth of their children;

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves;

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "National School Counseling Week Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates the District of Columbia School Counselors Association ("DCSCA") for the valuable contribution it has made to our students and our residents and declares February 5 through February 9, 2007, as "National School Counseling Week" 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.

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To recognize Mrs. Geraldine "Gerrie" Isabell McCottry, upon her retirement from the District of Columbia Public Schools, for her 38 years of District of Columbia government service and to declare March 2, 2007, as "Geraldine McCottry Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Gerrie McCottry has had a very diverse public service career, having began her 38 years of District of Columbia government service as a clerk-typist with the District of Columbia Public Schools and having progressed to serve as the top assistant to many high-level District officials, including assignments that afforded her the opportunity to work in 9 different District agencies;

WHEREAS, Gerrie McCottry started her career with the District of Columbia government as a clerk-typist in the District of Columbia Public Schools, Department of Summer Schools, Continuing Education and Urban Service Corps in September 1969;

WHEREAS, in 1973, she secured a job as receptionist for the Council of the District of Columbia, which was an appointed body at that time, with Jack Nevius serving as Chairman and Sterling Tucker as Vice Chairman, and the visibility of the receptionist job presented many opportunities for her to display her skills, talent, and work ethic;

WHEREAS, in 1975, the District attained Home Rule, and Gerrie was an eyewitness to this change in government;

WHEREAS, from 1975 to 1982, Gerrie pursued an upward climb from receptionist to various positions on the City Council and in the Mayor's Office, including Committee Aide for the Committee on Finance and Revenue, Councilmember Marion Barry, Chair, and the Committee on Economic Development, Rev. James Coates, Chair; Office Manager for the Committee on Finance and Revenue; Research Assistant to the Mayor; and Office Manager for the Mayor's Office of Communications.

WHEREAS, while working full-time, Gerrie pursued and obtained her bachelor's degree in Accounting from Howard University;

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WHEREAS, in 1982, Gerrie became Manager for the Tax Processing Division of the Department of Finance and Revenue, where she supervised over 80 employees and processed over 1.4 million tax documents each year and for which she was recognized for Excellence in Tax Administration by the North Eastern States Tax Officials Association in 1985 and received the Associate Director's Award for Tax Processing in 1986;

WHEREAS, in 1986, Gerrie was promoted to Division Manager of the Accounting and Auditing Section of the Real Property Administration in the Department of Finance and Revenue, where she supervised 15 accountants and 4 conveyance examiners;

WHEREAS, in December of 1986, Gerrie was recruited to be the Executive Assistant to the Director of the Mayor's Office on Policy;

WHEREAS, in April of 1987, Gerrie was selected to be Executive Assistant to the Mayor of the District of Columbia, and served Mayor Marion Barry in this capacity until January 1991;

WHEREAS, her next move was to the Department of Administrative Services, where she served as Executive Assistant to the Director from 1991-1992 and 1994-1997, and as Accounting Officer from 1992-1994;

WHEREAS, in March 1997, Gerrie was recruited to become the Associate Director for Administration for the District of Columbia Office of Personnel, where she served as a principal advisor to the Director of Personnel providing program management and advisory service in the areas of procurement, resource management, and management information systems;

WHEREAS, in 1998, after Congress created the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority and appointed a Chief Management Officer to oversee 9 major agencies of the District government, Gerrie was recruited to be the Chief of Staff for the Chief Management Officer, a position for which her institutional knowledge and her knowledge of government operations proved to be valuable assets;

WHEREAS, in 1999, Gerrie's career came full circle, as she returned to the District of Columbia Public Schools and served as the Superintendent's Board Liaison; and

WHEREAS, as the request of then Superintendent Arlene Ackerman, Gerrie created the Satisfaction Service Center, a customer service unit that provided a central "one-stop" entity to assist internal and external customers and served as liaison to the Mayor's Call Center and the Mayor's Correspondence Unit.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Geraldine Isabell McCottry Recognition of Service to the District of Columbia Government and the District of Columbia Public Schools and Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the service of Geraldine McCottry and declares March 2, 2007, as "Geraldine McCottry Day" in the District of Columbia.

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To declare February 9, 2007, as "Gerald Levert Day" in the District of Columbia and to posthumously recognize Gerald Levert for his accomplishments.

WHEREAS, Gerald Levert was a contemporary soul singer whose smooth yet robust vocals brought energy and emotion to even his most serene recordings;

WHEREAS, Gerald Levert grew up in the shadows of his father, Eddie Levert, Sr., a member of the O'Jays, and his father's status in the music industry nurtured and helped prepare Gerald for his prosperous music career as a writer, arranger, producer, and performer;

WHEREAS, Gerald Levert's list of accomplishments include being a member of Atlantic Records' Levert, a trio comprised of his brother Sean and friend Marc Gordon that scored with the R&B hit "(Pop, Pop, Pop, Pop) Goes My Mind" in 1986, and followed that with No. 1 R&B/No. 5 pop hit "Casanova" in 1987, and 3 more R&B chart-toppers, "Addicted to You," "Just Coolin'," featuring Heavy D, and "Baby I'm Ready," in 1991;

WHEREAS, in 1991, Gerald launched his solo career with the EastWest album "Private Line," whose title track notched No. 1 on the R&B charts, followed by a second No. 1 R&B single, "Baby Hold on to Me," the following year;

WHEREAS, in 1997, Gerald added another dimension to his prosperous career when he joined forces with R&B vocalists Keith Sweat and Johnny Gill under the acronym LSG, spawning the hit single "My Body;"

WHEREAS, as a solo act, Gerald released Love & Consequences in 1998, and G in 1999;

WHEREAS, Gerald continued to be extremely productive throughout the early 2000s, releasing the albums Gerald's World, G Spot, Stroke of Genius, and Do I Speak for the World, all before 2005;

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WHEREAS, in addition to his impressive string of hits, the Cleveland, Ohio native rendered his services as songwriter, vocalist, and producer to many artists, such as the O'Jays, Barry White, Stephanie Mills, Troop, Teddy Pendergrass, The Winans, Patti Labelle, Rude Boys, and countless others;

WHEREAS, shortly after completing a personal memoir with his father, Gerald died of a heart attack on November 10, 2006, at the age of 40; and

WHEREAS, Gerald loved to perform in Washington, D.C., and called it his second home.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gerald Levert Posthumous Recognition and Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the life of Gerald Levert and declares February 9, 2007, as "Gerald Levert Day" in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize the Marshall Heights Bison, a Pop Warner youth football team, for winning the league's 2006 Midget Division National Championship Game and to declare February 15, 2007, as "Marshall Heights Bison Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Marshall Heights Bison youth football team is part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington Pop Warner League;

WHEREAS, the Marshall Heights Bison are coached by Head Coach Andre Ford, and assistant coaches Carlton Bradshaw, Gregory Estes, Michael Mitchell, Billy Barnes, John Epps, Tracy Williams, and Kenneth and Ronell Johnson, and the Team Mom is Tina Lindsay;

WHEREAS, the Marshall Heights Bison consist of young men ages 13 to 15 from Southeast and Northeast Washington, D.C.: Derrick Walker, James Quarles, Donald Wicks, Terrell Carr, Dashahn Brown, Kendall Moore, Valdaze Johnson, Ralph Hodge, Danny March, Ronald Nicholson, Howard Lyles, Jarrel Epps, Gerald Lewis, Keith Newsome, Donnell Thomas, Michael Mabry, Norman Siler, Tavon Evans, Ronald Williams, Davon Taylor, Clarence Hamlet, Dion Dempsey, Trenton Ingram, Walter Harrell, Octavius Thomas, Jason Montgomery and Theodore Boone;

WHEREAS, the team has won 26 straight games, dating to 2005, and has won 56 straight regular season games versus District of Columbia teams. dating to 2000;

WHEREAS, throughout the 2006 season, the defense gave up only one touchdown and allowed only 5 first downs before the National Championship Game;

WHEREAS, within the last 3 years, 10 former players have received full scholarships;

WHEREAS, players are required to maintain a 2.5 grade point average to stay on the team;

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WHEREAS, the Marshall Heights Bison have appeared in 4 National Championship games in the Midget Division within the last 7 years;

WHEREAS, the team received a \$30,000 donation from the Fannie Mae Foundation in order to make the trip to Orlando, Florida, for the 2006 Pop Warner National Championships; and

WHEREAS, the Bison won the 2006 National Championship by defeating teams from White Oak, Maryland; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Newark, New Jersey; Dale City, Virginia; Miami, Florida; and Anchorage, Alaska.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Marshall Heights Bison Youth Football Team Recognition and Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the accomplishments of the Marshall Heights Bison youth football team and declares February 15, 2007, as "Marshall Heights Bison Day" in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 6, 2007

To recognize health care service provider Gloria Anderson Ducker and to declare March 9, 2007, as "Gloria Anderson Ducker Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Gloria Anderson Ducker was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Gloria Anderson Ducker married Otis Ducker, and together they have 4 adult children and 5 grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Gloria Anderson Ducker has more than 30 years of experience in the health care industry of long-term care delivery, human and social services, boards, and community development activities;

WHEREAS, Gloria Anderson Ducker has been a leader within the long-term care service provider network, its boards, and community organizations;

WHEREAS, Gloria Anderson Ducker has been the Chief Executive Officer of Stoddard Baptist Nursing Home since 1998 and its President since 2005;

WHEREAS, prior to joining Stoddard Baptist Nursing Home, Gloria Anderson Ducker was employed for over 16 years with Greater Southeast Care System, including 14 years as President/Chief Operating Officer of the Long-Term Care Division;

WHEREAS, Gloria Anderson Ducker has delivered high-quality health care services for the elderly and their families throughout her career;

WHEREAS, Gloria Anderson Ducker has fostered the utmost respect for the dignity and integrity of the elderly and their families; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Anderson Ducker has performed her duties with kindness and compassion throughout her years of service.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gloria Anderson Ducker Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Gloria Anderson Ducker and declares March 9, 2007, as "Gloria Anderson Ducker Day" in the District of Columbia.

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To posthumously recognize and honor the memory of William Francis "Frank" Reed and his service to communities throughout the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, William Francis "Frank" Reed passed away on February 3, 2007, at the age of 76;

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed was born December 25, 1931, in Melrose, Massachusetts, and moved to the District of Columbia in 1959;

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed graduate magna cum laude from Tufts University and received a law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center;

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed served as president, board member, and long-time chair of the Planning Committee of the Capitol Hill Association of Merchants and Professionals ("CHAMPS");

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed was co-founder, president, and general counsel of the Stanton Development Corporation;

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed served as a board member of the Ellen Wilson Community Development Corporation that established the mixed-income housing development at 7th and G Street, S.E.;

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed was a strong supporter of historic preservation in the District of Columbia, especially on Capitol Hill and along the Eastern Market Metro Plaza;

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed was responsible for preserving and protecting historical development, including the old Kresge five-and-ten at 7th and Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., the Home Health Care Building across from Eastern Market, the buildings on the site of the Old Sid's Tax Service off Stanton Park, and the Lenox Townhouses at 3rd and G Street, S.E.;

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WHEREAS, Mr. Reed shared his love of nature and the outdoors with friends and through his long membership in the Audubon Naturalist Society for the Mid-Atlantic States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reed was recognized for his dedicated service to the community and historic preservation with the 2006 Capitol Hill Community Foundation Award.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA That this resolution may be cited as the "Frank Reed Memorial Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and appreciates the service of Mr. Frank Reed and his many contributions to historic preservation and development to the Capitol Hill community.

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To recognize and honor the heroism of Floyd Lipscomb, who, on January 29, 2007, saved the life of a man who had slipped and fallen into the Washington Channel on the District of Columbia's Southwest waterfront.

WHEREAS, at about 10:30 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2007, William "Al" Slaughter was walking on an icy dock next to his houseboat on the District of Columbia's Southwest waterfront;

WHEREAS, Mr. Slaughter slipped and fell deep into the 38-degree water and could not pull himself out of the Washington Channel;

WHEREAS, after about 10 minutes in the water, Mr. Slaughter started to lose muscle control and the ability to stay above water;

WHEREAS, Floyd Lipscomb and 2 homeless men happened to be walking by when they heard Mr. Slaughter cry for help;

WHEREAS, Floyd Lipscomb climbed over a 7-foot fence and ran over to Mr. Slaughter, who was struggling to keep his head above water; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Lipscomb said to Mr. Slaughter, "You're not going to die tonight," and held onto Mr. Slaughter, as he slipped in and out of consciousness, for approximately 15 minutes until more help arrived.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Floyd Lipscomb Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates Floyd Lipscomb for saving the life of William Slaughter.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 6, 2007

To declare March 5 through March 11, 2007, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in the District of Columbia to increase public awareness of multiple sclerosis and to recognize the contributions of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Capital Chapter for its contribution to improving the quality of life for people with multiple sclerosis and for its work toward ending the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis ("MS") is a chronic and often disabling disease of the central nervous system that affects approximately 6,000 people in the District of Columbia metropolitan area and 400,000 nationwide;

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a disease that not only affects the person with the disease, but also greatly affects family and friends;

WHEREAS, the symptoms of MS vary, but include abnormal fatigue, numbness in arms and legs, blindness, and even paralysis;

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Capital Chapter supports the mission to end the devastating effects of MS;

WHEREAS, since it began, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has committed over \$500 million to support MS research-related programs;

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Capital Chapter provides education and support programs that improve the quality of life for people with MS in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Capital Chapter seeks contributions for research and local programs;

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WHEREAS, thousands of volunteers, corporations, and health professionals are working diligently to end the devastating effects of MS;

WHEREAS, research continues to bring us closer to a cure while contributing to the development of improved treatment options that enhance the quality of life for people with MS;

WHEREAS, in its quest to end the devastating effects of MS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Capital Chapter is one thing that people with multiple sclerosis can count on; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia recognizes and salutes all those who are committed to finding a cure for multiple sclerosis.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares March 5 through March 11, 2007, as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 6, 2007

To declare March 2007 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in the District of Columbia to increase awareness regarding colorectal cancer, to encourage residents to see their doctor for a screening, and to promote education about prevention, risk factors, symptoms, early detection, and treatment.

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, exceeding the mortality rate of breast and prostate cancer;

WHEREAS, it is the third most common cancer in both men and women, and the third most common cancer among African-Americans and Latinos;

WHEREAS, African-Americans should be screened as early as 45 years old, because they are often diagnosed at both a higher rate than any other population in the United States and at later stages when less treatment options are available;

WHEREAS, all men and women, regardless of ethnicity or nation origin, should seek screening at 50 years old;

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer may be prevented by regular screening tests, exercising regularly, maintaining a healthy weight, drinking in moderation, and avoiding tobacco;

WHEREAS, seventy-five percent of all new cases occur in people who have no symptoms or possess risk factors;

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer symptoms include rectal bleeding, unexplained weight loss, vomiting, diarrhea or constipation, fatigue, or stomach discomfort;

WHEREAS, African-Americans, men and women 50 years old or older, and those having a personal or family history of colorectal cancer or bowel disease, are obese and inactive, or have a history of smoking or excessive drinking, are more likely to develop colorectal cancer;

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WHEREAS, nearly 150,000 people were diagnosed with, and 55,000 people are estimated to have died from, colorectal cancer in 2006; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is one of the most easily prevented cancers, and when detected early, has a survival rate of approximately 90% when treated with surgery and therapy.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares March 2007 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in the District of Columbia and encourages District residents to become educated about colorectal cancer risks, symptoms, and prevention, and to be screened regularly.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare March 27, 2007, as "American Diabetes Alert Day" in the District of Columbia to raise awareness about risk factors and health risks posed by diabetes, and to encourage residents to lower their risk for developing diabetes.

WHEREAS, diabetes is caused by having too much sugar in the blood, and is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States;

WHEREAS, seven percent of Americans, and 9% of District of Columbia residents, have diabetes, and nationally 6.2 million people with diabetes do not know they have it;

WHEREAS, risk factors include aging, weight gain, a sedentary lifestyle, high blood pressure, a family history of diabetes, being African-American or Latino, and having a baby weighing 9 pounds or more at birth;

WHEREAS, diabetes-related health risks include blindness, amputations, birth defects, nervous system damage, kidney disease, and stroke;

WHEREAS, symptoms include being thirsty or dehydrated, frequent urination, fatigue, unintentional weight loss, extreme hunger, and blurry vision; and

WHEREAS, to lower your risk by nearly 60%, you should maintain a healthy weight, eat low-fat meals that are high in fiber, fruits, and vegetables, and remain active.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "American Diabetes Alert Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares March 27, 2007, as "American Diabetes Alert Day" in the District of Columbia and encourages District residents to be aware of diabetes risks and symptoms and to actively lower their risks of developing the disease.

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To recognize the contributions of The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. to the District of Columbia on the occasion of its 113th anniversary and to declare March 9, 2007, as "The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the history of a city is the record of the struggles, tragedies, and victories of its citizens that define its character, establish its identity, and demonstrate its autonomy and right to self-government;

WHEREAS, the city of Washington, D.C. is fortunate to have a uniquely rich history, which tells the stories of the growth toward freedom of both its own people and of the nation and which is reflected in the District's historic places, its treasures of documents and artifacts, and in the stories of its citizens;

WHEREAS, engagement with these resources of history serves to promote respect for the struggles of those who came before, to educate citizens, to build community, and to provide direction as citizens chart the District's course for the future;

WHEREAS, The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. was founded March 9, 1894, and has served since that time as the District's historical society, devoting itself exclusively to collecting, preserving, and sharing the many stories of the District of Columbia and its people; and

WHEREAS, its mission dedicates The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. to protecting the District's histories and heritage and providing programming at its home in the District's Carnegie building at Mount Vernon Square, which serves all residents of the District seeking to tell the stories of their communities, and students of all ages.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. Recognition and Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the contributions of The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. to the District of Columbia, and declares March 9, 2007, as "The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. Day" in the District of Columbia.

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To declare March 2007 as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in the District of Columbia to recognize and encourage support for efforts towards enabling individuals with developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives in our communities.

WHEREAS, since 1979, The Arc of the District of Columbia, Inc., has sponsored March as an official awareness month to enhance the community's understanding of the issues affecting people with developmental disabilities;

WHEREAS, during March 2007, The Arc of the District of Columbia, Inc.; the Georgetown University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Inc.; the Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities, Inc.; and the District of Columbia Developmental Disabilities Council are participating in the national observance of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month;

WHEREAS, developmental disabilities affect an estimated 33,000 residents of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia believes that individuals with developmental disabilities have a right to live, play and worship alongside people without disabilities; and

WHEREAS, when given these opportunities, experiences, and supports, people with developmental disabilities become vital members of our community.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Declaration Resolution of 2007".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors The Arc of the District of Columbia, Inc.; the Georgetown University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Inc.; the Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities, Inc.; and the District of Columbia Developmental Disabilities Council for the work that they do to help our residents living with developmental disabilities, and declares March 2007 as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in the District of Columbia.

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To recognize and honor the Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute's observation of the vital role of residential community associations in the Nation's Capital, and to declare Saturday, March 31, 2007, as "Community Association Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the residential community of homeowner associations, housing cooperatives, and condominiums in the Nation's Capital has entered the new millennium;

WHEREAS, strong residential communities are the heart of city life and are essential for fostering civic responsibility and pride in the city;

WHEREAS, the prospects for the ongoing revitalization of the District of Columbia greatly depend on the flourishing of its residential core;

WHEREAS, the Community Associations Institute is dedicated to fostering vibrant, responsive, and competent residential community associations that promote harmony, community, and responsible leadership, enhancing the lives of their residents; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 31, 2007, the Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute is celebrating the value added to the area's quality of life by community associations in the Nation's Capital.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Community Association Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds this an appropriate time to recognize and honor the Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute's observation of Community Association Day in the Nation's Capital, and declares March 31, 2007, as "Community Association Day" in the District of Columbia.

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To recognize Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., upon her retirement from the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute of Catholic Community Services, for her lifelong work to improve the lives of District of Columbia children, youth, and adults with developmental disabilities and their families.

WHEREAS, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., began her career at the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute in March of 1987;

WHEREAS, in 1987, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., started Community Options, the first program of the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute to serve people with severe and multiple disabilities;

WHEREAS, in 1988, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., Claire Funkhauser, and District of Columbia residents with disabilities started Advocacy-in-Action, which became Project ACTION!, in 1990;

WHEREAS, in 1990, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., started Community Companions, an after-school program for children who were not being served in traditional after-school programs, and created the Community Options and Connections Division of the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute;

WHEREAS, in 1990, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., became Vice President for Programs at the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute;

WHEREAS, in 1991, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., became Acting President and Chief Executive Officer at the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute;

WHEREAS, in 1992, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., became Senior Vice President at the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute;

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WHEREAS, since 1992, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., has served on the Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities;

WHEREAS, in 1999, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., became a certified trainer for the Council on Quality and Leadership and supported the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute's successful effort to become, in 2000, the first District agency accredited by the Council on Quality and Leadership;

WHEREAS, in 2000, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., again became Acting President and Chief Executive Officer of the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute;

WHEREAS, in 2001, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., received her Ph.D., from Syracuse University;

WHEREAS, in 2004, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., became Director of Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute of Catholic Community Services and Division Director for the Developmental Disabilities Division of Catholic Community Services;

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., has played a leadership role in multiple federal grant programs to improve the lives of District of Columbia residents with developmental disabilities, including Project Second Chance, the Partnership for Inclusion 2000, the National Institute on Urban School Improvement, Modeling Urban School Success, Project TAPESTRY, the DC State Policy Council for Family Support, and Family Friends;

WHEREAS, in January 2007, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., retired from the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute of Catholic Community Services with highest accolades from her colleagues and from people she has served across the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., continues to serve as advisor for Project ACTION!

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec.2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Rebecca S. Salon, Ph.D., for her career-long contributions to improving the lives of District of Columbia children, youth, and adults with developmental disabilities and their families.

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

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-33

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 6, 2007

To recognize that the 4th Global Election Organization Conference will be held from March 26 through March 29, 2007, in the District of Columbia and to welcome its participants from around the world.

WHEREAS, from its founding, citizens of the United States of America have sought and embraced the right to freely elect the leaders who govern them;

WHEREAS, the United States joined with the countries of the world in ratifying the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, which embraces the right to vote as a fundamental human right;

WHEREAS, in 1999, the first Global Election Officials ("GEO") Conference was held in Ottawa, Canada, where election officials from across the globe had the opportunity to meet for the purpose of exchanging information and advancing the field of election administration;

WHEREAS, subsequent GEO conferences have been held in Mexico and Hungary;

WHEREAS, in 2005, the GEO participants embraced Hungary's initiative that encouraged all democratic countries around the world to recognize the sanctity of the ballot box as the best universal means for people to realize the fundamental human right of self determination; and

WHEREAS, on March 26 through March 29, 2007, Washington, D.C. will host the 4th Global Election Organization Conference.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Fourth Global Election Organization Conference Recognition and Welcoming Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the important work that will be performed at the Global Election Organization Conference and encourages all citizens to join in celebrating the importance of voting and ensuring that every vote counts.

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

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-34

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 6, 2007

To recognize and honor Senator Edward William Brooke, III, a native of the District of Columbia, for his many accomplishments and for his service to the United States of America.

WHEREAS, Edward William Brooke, III, was born in the District of Columbia on October 26, 1919;

WHEREAS, Edward William Brooke, III, attended the public schools of Washington, D.C., and graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School;

WHEREAS, Edward William Brooke, III, matriculated at Howard University, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1941;

WHEREAS, Edward William Brooke, III, served as a Captain in the United States Army during World War II and was a decorated officer with the 366th Combat Infantry Regiment, which saw combat in Italy;

WHEREAS, following the war, Edward William Brooke, III, entered Boston University's School of Law, where he studied until 1948, receiving his LL.D. and LL.M. degrees while serving as an editor of the Law Review;

WHEREAS, Edward William Brooke, III, engaged in the practice of law in Roxbury, Massachusetts, and in Boston from 1948 until 1961, when he was appointed Chairman of the Boston Finance Commission, a watchdog agency for the City of Boston;

WHEREAS, Edward William Brooke, III, was elected Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1962, becoming the first African-American in the United States to be elected as a state's Attorney General;

WHEREAS, Edward William Brooke, III, served as Attorney General for Massachusetts from 1963 through 1966, when he was elected as a Republican to the United States Senate;

WHEREAS, Edward William Brooke, III, served 2 terms as United States Senator from Massachusetts and was the first African-American elected to the Senate by popular vote;

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WHEREAS, during his Senate career, Edward William Brooke, III, strongly opposed escalation of the Vietnam War, worked for improved relations leading to the recognition of the People's Republic of China, and led efforts to block nominations of anti-civil rights judges to the United States Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, Edward William Brooke, III, was the first Republican Senator to call for President Richard Nixon's resignation in the aftermath of the Watergate break-in and cover-up;

WHEREAS, Edward William Brooke, III, led the legal battle to uphold the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act before the Supreme Court and later fought successfully in the Senate for the extension of the act;

WHEREAS, Edward William Brooke, III, is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the prestigious Spingarn Award presented by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Charles Evans Hughes Award presented by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Congressional Award of Merit from the National Council of Senior Citizens, and the Grand Cross of Italy, presented by the Italian government;

WHEREAS, Edward William Brooke, III, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, on June 23, 2004;

WHEREAS, the autobiography of Edward William Brooke, III, *Bridging the Divide: My Life*, was published by Rutgers University Press in January 2007; and

WHEREAS, Edward William Brooke, III, is the father of 2 grown daughters and a son and, with his wife Anne, now divides his time between Miami, Florida, and St. Martin, French West Indies, where his wife is from.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as "The Honorable Edward William Brooke, III, Recognition and Appreciation Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the achievements of The Honorable Edward William Brooke, III.

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

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-35

IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 6, 2007

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball and honor former Washington Nationals Manager Frank Robinson as the recipient of the Jackie Robinson Lifetime Achievement Award from The George Washington University Jackie Robinson Society by declaring April 12, 2007, as "Frank Robinson Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Jack Roosevelt Robinson, ("Jackie Robinson"), hails from rural Georgia and was born in 1919;

WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson entered UCLA in 1939, where he excelled in 4 sports;

WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson joined the United States Army and rose to the rank of lieutenant in 1944;

WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson first started his civil rights activism in the Army by refusing to give up his seat to a white officer in 1943 and was court-martialed for his principled stance;

WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson joined the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro League in 1944 and played in Griffith Stadium against the Homestead Grays;

WHEREAS, on April 15, 1947, on Opening Day for the Brooklyn Dodgers, Jackie Robinson took his place on Ebbets Field as the first black Major League Baseball player in the 20th Century;

WHEREAS, on September 23, 1947, Jackie Robinson was named Rookie of the Year, went on to become the Most Valuable Player in 1949, and proceeded to lead the Dodgers to their first World Series championship, in 1955;

WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson retired in 1956 and began a long and distinguished career as a civil rights activist, leading demonstrations with Martin Luther King, Jr.;

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WHEREAS, in 1962, Jackie Robinson was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, and, in 1972, his No. 42 jersey was permanently retired from Major League Baseball and remains the only number so retired;

WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson's character, courage, skill, and wisdom inspired thousands of Americans to protest, organize against, and defeat American Apartheid in the 1950s and 1960s; and

WHEREAS, Frank Robinson, the former manager of the Washington Nationals and the Most Valuable Player in both the American and National Leagues, exemplifies the character, courage, skill, and wisdom of Jackie Robinson.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Jackie Robinson and Frank Robinson Recognition and Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Jackie Robinson and Frank Robinson for their valuable contributions to the District of Columbia and across the nation and declares April 12, 2007, as "Frank Robinson Day" in the District of Columbia in memory and celebration of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier 60 years ago.

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

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-36

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 6, 2007

To honor Youth Organizations United to Rise Community Center for its tireless work in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Youth Organizations United to Rise Community Center has served over 1,000 youth;

WHEREAS, Youth Organizations United to Rise Community Center promotes academic, cultural, social, and emotional development of students;

WHEREAS, Youth Organizations United to Rise Community Center operates year-round, out-of-school programs that build self-esteem and deter youth from negative behavior;

WHEREAS, Youth Organizations United to Rise Community Center has not lost one student due to violence nor incarceration;

WHEREAS, eighty-five percent of Youth Organizations United to Rise Community Center's students who graduate from high school attend college; and

WHEREAS, Youth Organizations United to Rise Community Center has been serving the District community for 10 years.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Youth Organizations United to Rise Community Center Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Youth Organizations United to Rise Community Center for its work in the community.

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

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-37

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 6, 2007

To recognize and honor Arrelious Benn for his accomplishments as a talented football player.

WHEREAS, Arrelious Benn was born on September 8, 1989, and he and his devoted mother, Denise Benn, are longtime residents of Ward 7;

WHEREAS, Arrelious Benn, a senior at Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School and a wide receiver for the varsity football team, is the proud recipient of the Walter Payton Trophy awarded by the U.S. Army All-American Bowl to the fastest and strongest high school football player in the United States;

WHEREAS, Arrelious Benn is a 5-Star recruit and ranked No. 1 as a high school wide receiver in the United States;

WHEREAS, Arrelious Benn had 1,147 receiving yards and caught 17 touchdown passes during the 2006 season;

WHEREAS, Arrelious Benn fulfilled his dream of being accepted to play collegiate football at the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Arrelious Benn is the 2nd athlete from the District to play in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Arrelious Benn Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates Arrelious Benn for the valuable contribution he has made to the District of Columbia and wishes him the very best as he pursues both a college football career and a future professional career.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 6, 2007

To recognize the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia was founded in 1932 to “provide legal aid and counsel to indigent persons in civil law matters and to encourage measures by which the law may better protect and serve their needs.”;

WHEREAS, over the last 75 years, the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia has provided legal representation, advice, and counsel to tens of thousands of District of Columbia residents living in poverty;

WHEREAS, Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia staff and volunteers have worked continuously and diligently to ensure that all District residents received equal justice and meaningful access to our judicial institutions;

WHEREAS, the motto of the District of Columbia is Justitia Omnibus, or Justice to All, and the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia provides critical services to make that motto a reality; and

WHEREAS, the need for civil legal representation to poor families and individuals continues to be a critical need in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia 75th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2007”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia for its sustained 75-year record of service to the District, its residents, and its judicial system.

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

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 6, 2007

To celebrate the YMCA DC Youth & Government Program.

WHEREAS, the YMCA Youth & Government Program strives to enhance the development of the American democratic process by enabling young students to prepare for moral and political leadership through training in the theory and practice of determining public policy;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia program is now entering its 5th year;

WHEREAS, while many schools in the District offer civics and government classes and most even have a Student Council or other extracurricular groups that focus on various aspects of government, only the YMCA DC Youth & Government Program provides the students with the opportunity to learn in a citywide environment;

WHEREAS, each student in the program selects an issue of real concern that could be addressed through government action, and then researches and writes a bill on that issue to be presented and defended in front of their fellow students during the annual Legislative Weekend;

WHEREAS, the YMCA DC Youth & Government program is sponsored by the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington and engages more than 150 District of Columbia teens (middle- and high-school students) from schools including Banneker High School, Cardozo High School, Cesar Chavez Public Charter School, Friendship-Edison Blow-Pierce Charter School, IDEA Charter School, KIMA Charter School, Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute, Thurgood Marshall Academy, and School Without Walls; and

WHEREAS, this year's program, beginning on March 9, 2007, is the District of Columbia's 5th annual Legislative Weekend.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "YMCA DC Youth & Government Program Recognition Resolution of 2007".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the YMCA DC Youth & Government Program and the students who make this program so beneficial to all.

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

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 6, 2007

To express the appreciation of the Washington, D.C. community for the generous contributions to our city made by Gilbert Arenas, Jr.

WHEREAS, Gilbert Jay Arenas, Jr., is an American professional basketball player currently with the National Basketball Association's Washington Wizards;

WHEREAS, Mr. Arenas was raised by a single father who gained custody of his son shortly before Mr. Arenas turned 3;

WHEREAS, Mr. Arenas regularly plays basketball with local youth at Barry Farms;

WHEREAS, at a 2004 Christmas party for Washington-area kids, Mr. Arenas met a 10-year-old named Andre, whose mother, twin sister, and great-grandfather had died in a fire, became Andre's unofficial big brother, and made him a ball boy for the Washington Wizards;

WHEREAS, through the "Gilbert Scores for Schools" program, a Washington-area school will receive \$100 for every point scored by guard Gilbert Arenas; and

WHEREAS, the tally for District of Columbia schools so far this year is almost \$40,000 donated.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gilbert Arenas Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the generosity of Gilbert Arenas, Jr., and his civic involvement and contributions to the citizens of the District of Columbia.

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

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-42

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To posthumously honor the life and work of Maurice Williams, and to declare March 12, 2007, as "Maurice Williams Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Maurice Williams was born in the District of Columbia on October 25, 1952 to Mr. and Mrs. Otto and Lillie Williams, and was the brother of Michael, Marvin, and Marion Williams;

WHEREAS, Maurice Williams was a product of the District of Columbia public schools, attending Whittier Elementary School, Paul Junior High School, and graduating from Calvin Coolidge Senior High School in 1970;

WHEREAS, Maurice Williams was a founding member of the Sigma Beta Upsilon high school fraternity;

WHEREAS, Maurice Williams was a graduate of Howard University's School of Communications, majoring in broadcast journalism;

WHEREAS, Maurice Williams remained a part of the Howard University family following his graduation, becoming a full-time reporter with the school's flagship radio station, WHUR-FM, in 1975 following a productive student internship;

WHEREAS, Maurice Williams was destined to become a successful and well respected journalist among his audience as well as his peers;

WHEREAS, Maurice Williams represented the mold by which other journalists have patterned their commitment to the craft;

WHEREAS, Maurice Williams ensured that his journalistic product was responsible, fair, and informative;

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WHEREAS, Maurice Williams was recognized throughout the District of Columbia for his journalistic integrity;

WHEREAS, Maurice Williams was the first journalist killed in the line of duty in the District of Columbia, having passed away on March 9, 1977, while on assignment at the District Building, at the age of 24; and

WHEREAS, the family, friends, and community of Maurice Williams gathered for home-going service on March 4, 1977.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Maurice Williams Posthumous Recognition and Day Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia posthumously honors the life and work of Maurice Williams and declares March 12, 2007, as "Maurice Williams 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.

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-43

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To declare March 2007 as "Women's History Month" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our nation in many recorded and unrecorded ways;

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play an indispensable role in economic, cultural, political, and social arenas of life throughout our nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force, working inside and outside the home;

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force to the nation;

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

WHEREAS, the late Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, the late Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, members of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc., and the organization's current National Chair, Dr. E. Faye Williams, Esq.-- a resident of the District of Columbia -- have worked hard to recognize and honor American women of high achievement, such as Sojourner Truth, who is soon to be honored with a bust of her likeness in a prominent place in the United States Capitol for her efforts to abolish slavery and to make it possible for all women to vote;

WHEREAS, the District continues to struggle for full voting rights for its citizens just as Sojourner Truth and other women struggled for their rights to vote and to be free;

WHEREAS, the placing of the bust of Sojourner Truth in the United States Capitol honors all women and makes Sojourner Truth the first African-American woman to be so honored; and

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WHEREAS, the District of Columbia government promotes and declares March 2007 as "Women's History Month," with special recognition of Sojourner Truth for her historic role in gaining the right to vote for all women and in abolishing slavery in our nation.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Women's History Month Declaration Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and proclaims March 2007 to be "Women's History Month" and urges all citizens and employees of the District to participate in Women's History Month activities in recognition of the enormous efforts of women to build and to maintain our nation.

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

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-44

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 3, 2007

To recognize and honor Theresa Fogle Sellers for completing 40 years of service with the District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation as a Duplicate Equipment Operator.

WHEREAS, Theresa Fogle Sellers worked for the District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation from October of 1965 under her retirement in April of 2006;

WHEREAS, Theresa Fogle Sellers is a longtime resident of the District of Columbia and the proud mother of Edith Fogle, Jordan Fogle, Chanel Fogle, and Derrick Sellers;

WHEREAS, Theresa Fogle Sellers enjoys listening to all kinds of music, and watching an exciting game of basketball or football; and

WHEREAS, Theresa Fogle Sellers is an active member of Pilgrim Baptist Church in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Theresa Fogle Sellers Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates Theresa Fogle Sellers for her dedication to, and retirement from the District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation.

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