

## ENROLLED ORIGINAL

## A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-161

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 2, 2007

To recognize and honor, the Children's National Medical Center as it dedicates its newest Center of Excellence, the Child Health Advocacy Institute.

WHEREAS, the Children's National Medical Center, a nonprofit hospital, has been dedicated to serving the healthcare needs of children and families in Washington, D.C. since 1870;

WHEREAS, the Children's National Medical Center is on a mission to improve health outcomes for children regionally, nationally, and internationally, to be a leader in creating innovative solutions to pediatric healthcare problems, and to excel in care, advocacy, research, and education to meet the unique needs of children, adolescents, and their families;

WHEREAS, the Children's National Medical Center established the nation's first hospital-based office focused exclusively on child health advocacy over 30 years ago, and continues to make advocacy on behalf of all children a priority with its incorporation into the organization's mission and the dedication of its newest Center of Excellence, the Child Health Advocacy Institute;

WHEREAS, the Child Health Advocacy Institute will be the vehicle through which Children's National Medical Center is transforming pediatric health via the discovery, delivery, and dissemination of best practice and policy;

WHEREAS, the Child Health Advocacy Institute will proactively identify and study threats facing children to demonstrably measure changes in pediatric health outcomes and serve as an influential voice in the developmental of child health policy; and

WHEREAS, the Child Health Advocacy Institute will focus its efforts on 5 key areas: health promotion /disease prevention, infrastructure development and data collection, research and education, public policy, and outcomes and evaluation.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Children's National Medical Center's Child Health Advocacy Institute Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Children's National Medical Center for its dedication and work on behalf of all children 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

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 2, 2007

To posthumously acknowledge and honor James Bernard Carter for living a full life of service to his country, his family, and his community.

WHEREAS, James Bernard Carter was born on May 4, 1928, to Joseph Washington Carter and Hattie Thompson Carter, attended District of Columbia Public Schools, enlisted in the United States Navy in 1950, earning the National Defense medal, the Good Conduct medal, the Korean Service medal, the United Nations medal, the China Service medal, and the Navy Occupation Service medals, and was honorably discharged in 1954;

WHEREAS, James Bernard Carter married Flora Brown Chinn in 1958, raised their daughter, Pamela Jae Carter, and enjoyed a special relationship with his stepchildren, J. Carol Chinn Barnett and Melvin G. Chinn (deceased);

WHEREAS, James Bernard Carter retired from the United States Department of the Interior, United States Geological Survey as Supervisor, Computer Operations in 1983, with more than 30 years of federal government service, and was a sought-after caterer for more than 40 years, best known for his beautiful table settings and his knack for gourmet cuisine;

WHEREAS, James Bernard Carter helped organize, and was one of the founders of the Fort Lincoln Civic Association, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, James Bernard Carter was a member of Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C., and was baptized by the Reverend Robert Pruitt in January 1975.

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

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds James Bernard Carter for living a full life of service to his country, his family, and his community.

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## A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 2, 2007

To honor Romaine B. Thomas for her dedication and exemplary service to AARP DC.

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas has dedicated 6 years of exemplary service as AARP DC president and founding leader of the AARP DC Executive Council, which sets AARP priorities, and has committed countless hours to ensuring that the organization lived up to its mission of improving the experience of aging in the District;

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas served as the public face and voice of AARP DC, advocating before the Council and Mayor on issues, including long-term care and nursing home quality, affordable medications, grandparent caregiver support, health care access, elder care, pensions, property tax relief, and driver's testing;

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas championed AARP's construction of a new playground for Ketchum Elementary School—the school she led as principal for many years, led AARP DC staff, volunteers, and chapter members in community service for six years in a row as part of AARP's National Day of Service;

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas successfully advocated for substantial benefits for grandparents raising grandchildren in the District of Columbia, fought for DC Voting Rights by raising awareness of a lack of representation among the AARP Executive Councils for all 50 states, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas inspired hundreds of volunteers and Chapter members to AARP service, promoted a spirit of teamwork, a sense of understanding, tolerance, and leadership.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Romaine B. Thomas and AARP DC Recognition Resolution of 2007".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Romaine B. Thomas for her hard work, perseverance, and leadership with AARP DC.

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## A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 2, 2007

To recognize Ms. Annie Mae Mitchell, and to declare September 22, 2007, as "Annie Mae Mitchell Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Ms. Annie Mae Mitchell celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 12, 2007;

WHEREAS, Ms. Annie Mae Mitchell was born in Barnwell, South Carolina and moved to the District of Columbia in 1947;

WHEREAS, Ms. Annie Mae Mitchell has been the president of the tenants' association at Garfield Terrace Seniors Apartments in Ward 1 for the last 10 years;

WHEREAS, Ms. Annie Mae Mitchell is a member of Feed the Children, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the American Indian Reservation Charities, and the Jewish Organization Charity Fund;

WHEREAS, Ms. Annie Mae Mitchell served as a block liaison in the District of Columbia from 1983 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Annie Mae Mitchell has fostered the utmost respect for the dignity and integrity of the elderly, children in foster care, and their families since 1993.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Ms. Annie Mae Mitchell, and declares September 22, 2007, "Annie Mae Mitchell 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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 2, 2007

To increase public awareness regarding programs and initiatives relating to educating our youth and children, to recognize the contributions of Doubling the Numbers Coalition for its contributions on behalf of the children and youth in the District of Columbia, and to declare September 23 through 29, 2007, as "College Awareness Week" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, there is a national and citywide consensus about the critical importance of our public elementary and secondary schools in preparing all students for college and high-skill jobs in the global economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century;

WHEREAS, it is important that children in the District of Columbia, the Nation's Capital, not be left behind in having the opportunity to obtain the necessary skills and knowledge needed to attend and succeed in college;

WHEREAS, the Mayor, the Council, the District of Columbia Public Schools, the Office of the State Superintendent for Education, the Public Charter School Board, and community partners have jointly committed to double the number of District of Columbia public school students who graduate from high school in a timely manner;

WHEREAS, the Double the Numbers Coalition has grown to include numerous organizations, including college access providers, youth serving organizations, advocacy organizations, and education reform organizations; and

WHEREAS, Double the Numbers Coalition is helping to ensure that every student has the opportunity to learn about the value of college and to understand the steps necessary to apply and be admitted to college and to successfully complete college in a timely manner.

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

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and commends the success of Double the Numbers Coalition, and its member organizations, applauds it for being a positive role model to all District residents, and declares September 23 through 29, 2007, as "College Awareness 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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## A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 2, 2007

To commemorate the passing of George A. Cottman, a community advocate and retired District of Columbia government employee.

WHEREAS, Mr. George A. Cottman was born February 6, 1949, raised in Washington, D.C., educated in the District of Columbia Public Schools, graduated from Ballou High School, attended American University, and was a lifetime resident of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Mr. George A. Cottman assisted with the initial formation of YOUTH PRIDE, Inc., where he also served as an Executive Staff member;

WHEREAS, Mr. George A. Cottman served this city with distinction, having been an employee with the District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development, and having retired from the District of Columbia Housing Authority in April 1998;

WHEREAS, Mr. George A. Cottman was a long-time member of Springfield Baptist Church of Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Mr. George A. Cottman is the son of George G. Cottman and Alice Cottman Moses, and the father of George Jr., Darrell, Clayton, Stephanie, and Lt. Colette Cottman, and Jacquelin Barnes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. George A. Cottman was also a Master Mason in the Jurisdiction of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "George A. Cottman Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia posthumously honors the life of Mr. George A. Cottman for his years of service to our 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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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 2, 2007

To honor Sarah Hurd for her 100<sup>h</sup> birthday, celebrated on September 15, 2007.

WHEREAS, Sarah Hurd was born on September 15, 1907 to William and Martha (Chase) Hurd in Pomonkey, Maryland;

WHEREAS, Sarah Hurd moved to the District of Columbia in 1923 and has been a resident ever since, for 84 years;

WHEREAS, Sarah Hurd is one of 17 children, with 10 brothers and 6 sisters;

WHEREAS, Sarah Hurd, a lover of dance and her community, has contributed to her community, especially her church family at Holy Redeemer in Northwest, Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Sarah Hurd spends 6 days a week visiting other churches by bus, and visits nursing homes praying for the sick;

WHEREAS, Sarah Hurd loves children and acts as a surrogate mother to children around her;

WHEREAS, Sarah Hurd worked at the Washington Terminal of the Railroad, retiring after 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Hurd is loved by many relatives and people she has come in contact with over the many years of her life.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sarah Hurd 100th Birthday Ceremonial Resolution of 2007".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the life of Sarah Hurd, at 100 years of age.

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

October 2, 2007

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 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, Incorporated; the Georgetown University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Incorporated; the Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities, Incorporated; and the District of Columbia Developmental Disabilities Council are participating in the national observance of Developmental Awareness Month; and

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, Incorporated; the Georgetown University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Incorporated; the Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities, Incorporated; and the District of Columbia Developmental Disabilities Council for the work that they do to help our residents living with developmental disabilities, and to declare March 2007 as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" 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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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 2, 2007

To honor Geraldine S. Bell on turning 70 years old on October 5, 2007, and to recognize her past, present, and future dedication to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Geraldine S. Bell is turning 70 years old on October 5, 2007;

WHEREAS, Geraldine S. Bell is a native Washingtonian and has dedicated her life to helping others and making the District of Columbia a better place to live;

WHEREAS, Geraldine S. Bell has been a community and Ward 6 activist for more than 40 years;

WHEREAS, Geraldine S. Bell worked on several campaigns on a local and national level, as well as having run for the District of Columbia School Board in 1987;

WHEREAS, Geraldine S. Bell is a member of several boards in the District of Columbia including the D.C. Development Corporation and the Benjamin Banneker Development Corporation, and has been a long-time member of Mt. Horeb Baptist Church;

WHEREAS, Geraldine S. Bell is a retired accountant from the District government and started a second career as an elementary school teacher;

WHEREAS, Geraldine S. Bell has raised 2 daughters, Robin Butler-LeFrancois and Jeri Butler, who still reside in the area with her 2 granddaughters, ages 13 and 17; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine S. Bell continues to make a difference in the District of Columbia, even at the young, tender age of 70.

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

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday of Geraldine S. Bell and recognizes and honors her for her past, present, and future achievements.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 2, 2007

To acknowledge and honor the Washington Glory softball team.

WHEREAS, the Washington Glory won the Cowles Cup and the 2007 National Pro Fastpitch ("NPF") national title;

WHEREAS, the Washington Glory is the District of Columbia area's professional women's fastpitch softball team, owned by Paul Wilson and coached by Carie Dever-Boaz and assistant coach Erin Goettlicher; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Glory already has completed an amazing inaugural year that includes cinching first place in the regular season with a .773 winning percentage, having 5 players named to the 2007 All-NPF team, including Amber Jackson, Oli Keohohou, Nichole Thompson, Desiree Serrano, and Sarah Pauly, and the NPF also presented Amber Jackson, who led the league in nearly every offensive category throughout her rookie season, with the Majestic Athletic Player of the Year, and right-hander Desiree Serrano was named the 2007 Pitcher of the Year for her 18 regular season wins and Coach Dever-Boaz earned the Diamond Sports manager of the Year Award.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds The Washington Glory softball team for an outstanding season.

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