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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 4, 2006

To honor Rosa Parks on the occasion of her refusal to relinquish her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus, by declaring December 1 as "Rosa Parks' Commemoration Day of Absence" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, December 1, 2005 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day that Rosa Parks, through her courageous act of defiance, took the leadership in opening the modern civil rights movement by being arrested in Montgomery, Alabama for refusing an order to give her bus seat to a white man;

WHEREAS, the heroic Montgomery bus boycott against racist segregation that Rosa Parks sparked, became the first mass movement to defeat legalized segregation in the South;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks' action led to the struggle that introduced the world to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the principal spokesperson of the boycott;

WHEREAS, the tragic hurricane Katrina exposed to the world that 50 years after the beginning of the civil rights movement, the need to battle racial inequality, poverty and war, the three things that Dr. King came to see as the enemy of all human progress, remains more urgent than ever before; and

WHEREAS, December 1 should always be remembered as an important date in the history of civil rights.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Rosa Parks' Commemoration Day of Absence Resolution of 2006".

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Sec. 2. The Council encourages all businesses in the District, both public and private to either close on December 1, or allow the many workers and students in the District who wish to attend Rosa Parks commemoration events taking place during normal business and school hours, to take leave from work or school without penalty.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Rosa Parks on the occasion of her refusal to relinquish her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama bus, and declares December 1 as "Rosa Parks' Commemoration Day of Absence" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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To recognize and honor the life and ministry of Bishop Milton Alexander Williams of the African American Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

WHEREAS, Bishop Milton Alexander Williams was born in Mocksville, North Carolina on June 28, 1938 and from noble parents, hard work and industrious purpose, set out to claim his destiny as a Christian minister;

WHEREAS, following his educational preparation at Livingston College, Hood Theological Seminary and doctoral studies at the University of Buffalo, he quickly became recognized as a talented pastor, denominational conscience, leader and outstanding Presiding Elder;

WHEREAS, recognizing his large pastoral heart and soaring gifts, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, elevated Milton Alexander Williams to its highest office as a Bishop on August 5, 1988;

WHEREAS, Bishop Milton Alexander Williams as a Bishop distinguished himself as a innovative thinker and fearless advocate for the voiceless, broken, least and powerless;

WHEREAS, Bishop Williams served the Nation's Capitol for twelve of his seventeen years of Episcopal service leading the churches under his charge to make the gospel real, through pioneering efforts to build up youth, care creatively for elderly and seniors, always speaking truth to power that justice and equality would be the common possession of the many not the privileged few;

WHEREAS, his gifted leadership not only enhanced the lives of the people of the District of Columbia but had national and intentional reach in New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Delaware, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, India, Africa, the United Kingdom, and the Caribbean - 11 states and five continents;

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WHEREAS, Bishop Williams as a leader in Christian Education has fought to guarantee that the future would have talented and committed leaders through his trail blazing efforts in the Timothy Seminar and other initiatives, to cultivate the seeds of destiny among thousands of youth and young adults;

WHEREAS, Bishop Williams saw potential where other eyes were blind and was never so grand that he could not stoop to reach to lift the fallen and remind the world in doing so, that no life made by God can be discarded;

WHEREAS, the people of the District of Columbia and the world, mourn the sudden death of this humble and scintillating servant of the church; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia joins in expressing gratitude for the dynamic and lasting ministry of Bishop Milton Alexander Williams of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and call upon all citizens to celebrate the gift of this wonderful life that left his world better because he walked with inspired purpose among us.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Bishop Milton Alexander Williams Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the life and ministry of Bishop Milton Alexander Williams of the African American Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

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

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To recognize the importance of Telemundo Washington, DC's La Feria de la Familia 2005, and to declare December 11, 2005 as "La Feria de la Familia Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Telemundo Washington, D.C. has hosted La Feria de la Familia for the greater Washington, DC metropolitan community for the past three years;

WHEREAS, La Feria de la Familia's aim is to empower Washington D.C.'s Hispanic community with information about services offered by local businesses, organizations, and government agencies in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, La Feria de la Familia, in its three years of community involvement, has reached out to thousands of citizens throughout the D.C. metro area; and

WHEREAS, La Feria de la Familia is the only event of its kind in the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area to provide a comprehensive scope of services offered to the Hispanic community in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "La Feria de la Familia Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the hard work of Telemundo in its development and hosting of La Feria de la Familia, and declares December 11, 2005 as "La Feria de la Familia 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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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 4, 2006

To recognize the work of Russell D. Simmons to honor his service to the District of Columbia government, and to declare December 21, 2005 as "Russell D. Simmons Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Russell D. Simmons was appointed as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia Housing Authority by Mayor Anthony Williams;

WHEREAS, Russell D. Simmons served as Chairman from July 2000 until September 2005;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Housing Authority is the District's largest landlord, serving more than 50,000 residents;

WHEREAS, Russell D. Simmons previously served as Assistant Director of the Model Cities Program;

WHEREAS, Russell D. Simmons directed the Marketing and Sales Division of the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development, and also directed the Neighborhood Revitalization Division for the Office of Business and Economic Development;

WHEREAS, Russell D. Simmons serves as Chairman of the Washington Region for Justice and Inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Russell D. Simmons is a lifelong resident of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Russell D. Simmons Recognition Resolution of 2006".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the outstanding work of Russell D. Simmons on behalf of District residents, and declares December 21, 2005 as "Russell D. Simmons Recognition 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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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 4, 2006

To recognize and honor the District of Columbia School Counselors Association ("DCSCA") in conjunction with its DCSCA Annual Luncheon, and declare February 6 through 10, 2006 as "National School Counseling Week" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, February 6 - 10, 2006, is designated National School Counseling Week, with the theme: "School Counselors: Changing Lives, Building Futures" 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 Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates District of Columbia School Counselors Association ("DCSCA") for the valuable contribution it has made to our students and our residents and declares February 6 through 10, 2006 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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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 4, 2006

To recognize and honor Plácido Domingo on the anniversary of his 10<sup>th</sup> season as General Director of Washington National Opera and on the occasion of his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

WHEREAS, Plácido Domingo, internationally acclaimed singer with countless numbers of performances on stage, recordings and in movies, agreed to join Washington National Opera as Artistic Director in 1996, and he became the company's General Director in 2003;

WHEREAS, The District and its residents have had the opportunity to see this acclaimed singer/conductor appear in numerous performances during his tenure;

WHEREAS, Plácido Domingo's stature in the world of opera has elevated Washington National Opera's artistic profile nationally and internationally;

WHEREAS, Plácido Domingo's international status as one of the icons in the arts has enhanced the profile of Washington, D.C., and his presence in Washington continues to draw internationally recognized singers, conductors, directors, and designers to Washington National Opera season after season;

WHEREAS, Plácido Domingo's reputation and astute artistic vision provides quality productions that draw audiences locally, regionally, nationally and internationally to Washington National Opera performances;

WHEREAS, Plácido Domingo's commitment to youth education has given birth to the Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program, the Plácido Domingo Intern/Apprentice Program as well as his own opera competition, *Operalia*;

WHEREAS, Plácido Domingo adopted the commitment to include in every season of productions, an American Opera, to continue the development of works from this country;

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as "Plácido Domingo Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Plácido Domingo's celebration of his 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Washington National Opera and congratulates him on the celebration of his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 4, 2006

To recognize and honor Charles Robinson Davies in conjunction with his retirement after 37 years of service as the General Counsel for GEICO, and declare January 4, 2006 as the "Charles Robinson Davies Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Charles Robinson Davies graduated from the Georgetown Law School and immediately after taking the District of Columbia bar examination joined the General Counsel's Office of GEICO in 1968;

WHEREAS, Charles Robinson Davies became the General Counsel and President of the GEICO Philanthropic Foundation in 1992;

WHEREAS, Charles Robinson Davies championed numerous D.C. charitable causes including child welfare reform, family court reform, affordable housing construction, United Way giving, Urban League Programs and scholarship programs for D.C. public high school graduates;

WHEREAS, Charles Robinson Davies has served on the board of the Council for Court Excellence since 1992 and he has single handedly obtained several hundred thousand dollars of corporate funding for various Council public service programs;

WHEREAS, Charles Robinson Davies was instrumental in the publication of legal assistance booklets for the elderly, including "If Someone Should Die; A Victims Guide to the DC Court System" that has been distributed to thousands of District of Columbia residents and secured \$50,000 from GEICO to republish these guides in Spanish; and

WHEREAS, Charles Robinson Davies has been involved and demonstrated exemplary service and leadership in a number of business and civic communities in the District of Columbia.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Charles Robinson Davies Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates Charles Robinson Davies on the occasion of his retirement from GEICO, and declares January 4, 2006 as "Charles Robinson Davies 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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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor Marie Moss Smith for her lifetime of educational and personal achievement, and to declare December 19, 2005 as "Marie Moss Smith Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Marie Moss Smith lived 91 years in the District of Columbia as a devoted wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, loving confidante and friend;

WHEREAS, she achieved high levels of academic performance as a student at Dunbar High School and Howard University where she received Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees in mathematics-breaking barriers for black women in the field of mathematics;

WHEREAS, she and her husband, Dr. Clarence Smith, championed equal opportunity for black students by successfully petitioning the Archbishop of Washington, D.C., to integrate the Catholic schools in 1948;

WHEREAS, she was an accomplished mathematics teacher and beacon of light to hundreds of students during her 30 years of service to the D.C. Public Schools and to the many leaders whose lives have been inspired by her teaching;

WHEREAS, she lived an exemplary life and provided a strong role model to her family encouraging them to remember the rich legacy of the Moss family and to chart a course of education and personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, she touched so many lives with her graciousness and fun-loving spirit including her family and friends, the beloved Northeasterners, the Point Count Club, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Marie Moss Smith Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates Marie Moss Smith for the valuable contribution of leadership and service she has made to the D.C. Public Schools and to the District of Columbia, and declares December 19, 2005 as "Marie Moss Smith Day" in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and support the Give Kids a Smile Day campaign as it promotes regular oral health care in underserved areas, and to declare February 3, 2006 as "Give a Kid a Smile Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, a growing number of scientific studies provide more evidence of the critical importance of oral health to overall health;

WHEREAS, untreated dental problems often result in pain, infection, and low self-esteem among children, and are a leading cause of school absenteeism;

WHEREAS, the American Dental Association created the Give Kids A Smile campaign to build support for public and private solutions that will help underserved children get regular oral health care;

WHEREAS, held each February, Give Kids A Smile provides free oral health education, screening and treatment services to children from low-income families across the country;

WHEREAS, in 2005, Give Kids a Smile events took place at approximately 1,800 locations, with some 29,000 dental team volunteers, including almost 11,000 dentists, providing free services to underserved children; and

WHEREAS, this year, the District of Columbia Dental Society and Howard University will host a Give Kids a Smile event at the Howard University Dental School.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Give Kids a Smile Day Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares February 3, 2006, as "Give Kids a Smile Day" in the District of Columbia.

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January 4, 2006

To recognize Ms. Pearlie Wilson for her years of service to the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia, to honor her commitment to the District of Columbia, and to declare January 3, 2006 as "Ms. Pearlie Wilson Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Ms. Pearlie Wilson, a Ward 7 resident, served as the receptionist for the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia ("Public Defender Service") for almost 30 years;

WHEREAS, Ms. Pearlie Wilson, known for her sweet and calming demeanor, simultaneously managed the phones, the mail, visitors and clients, while guiding clients through their best and worst days;

WHEREAS, the Public Defender Service's mission is to provide and promote quality legal representation to indigent adults and children facing a loss of liberty in the District of Columbia, thereby protecting society's interest in the fair administration of justice;

WHEREAS, Ms. Pearlie Wilson's greatest gift to the Public Defender Service was her ability to care for everyone around her, client and coworker alike;

WHEREAS, Ms. Pearlie Wilson always had a soothing voice reassuring client family members who had collapsed on the couch that things would work out and be okay;

WHEREAS, Ms. Pearlie Wilson knew just when to tell the Duty Day attorney that a client had been waiting too long, or when a client really just needed a clean warm place to sit and more time to wait;

WHEREAS, as "agency oracle," Ms. Pearlie Wilson seemed to know how all were feeling and where every member of the Public Defender Service staff was at any given moment;

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WHEREAS, Ms. Pearlie Wilson gave her all every day, the Public Defender Service will indeed miss her, an icon of compassion and tender loving care; and

WHEREAS, no kinder voice has spoken the words "Public Defender Service, may I help you?"

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ms. Pearlie Wilson Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the commitment and compassion of Ms. Pearlie Wilson on behalf of District residents, and declares January 3, 2006 as "Ms. Pearlie Wilson Recognition 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.