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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2006

To recognize and honor the House of Help City of Hope, Inc., in conjunction to its Annual Graduation being held on March 18, 2006.

WHEREAS, the House of Help City of Hope, Inc., was founded by Apostle Shirley Holloway and has assisted over 5,000 individuals since 1997;

WHEREAS, the House of Help City of Hope, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping individuals and families struggling with substance abuse and homelessness pull their lives together;

WHEREAS, the House of Help City of Hope, Inc., program consists of W DFA (Worry, Depression, Frustration, Addiction), Life Skills, Parenting Counseling, Career Counseling and Marriage Counseling, consisting of Four Phases and accepts men, women and children;

WHEREAS, the House of Help City of Hope, Inc., is graduating 29 people - eight men, ten women and eleven children with one year of sobriety and 12 people- six men, three women and three children with 90 days of sobriety; and

WHEREAS, the House of Help City of Hope, Inc., continues to work with individuals and families after graduation providing life skills support, social services and the opportunity to assist others.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "House of Help City of Hope, Inc., Annual Graduation Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors, the House of Help City of Hope, Inc., for the valuable contribution it has made to 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 the Howard University Alumni Association, Howard University Child Care center, in conjunction to its observance of Read Across America, sponsored by the National Education Association, on March 2, 2006.

WHEREAS, the Howard University Alumni Association joins with the Howard University Child Care Center to observe Read Across America, a program sponsored by the National Education Association;

WHEREAS, Read Across America celebrates literacy and its importance by inviting celebrity readers to read stories to children;

WHEREAS, Read Across America was originally created as a one day event to celebrate the joy of reading on Dr. Seuss birthday, March 2;

WHEREAS, Read Across America has grown into a nationwide initiative that promotes reading every day with resources and additional reading initiatives to reach parents, teens, and the Black and Latino communities, in particular ultimately reaching over 45 million people; and

WHEREAS, Read Across America's March 2nd event is preceded by new book drives and the collection of supplementary library materials.

RESOLVED; BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Howard University Alumni Association and the Howard University Child Care Center's Read Across America Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates the Howard University Alumni Association, the Howard University Child Care Center, and the National Education Association for their observance of Read Across America and the valuable contribution it has made to the District of Columbia.

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To salute, recognize and honor Carolyn Maull McKinstry, a survivor of the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham in conjunction to the University of the District of Columbia's Office of Community Outreach and Involvement "UDC Pride Week" on February 16, 2006.

WHEREAS, Carolyn Maull McKinstry, Junie Collins Peavy and Sarah Collins Rudolph were children present at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham Alabama on September 15, 1963;

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church was bombed at approximately 10:19 a.m., killing eleven-year old Denise McNair, and fourteen year olds Addie Mae Collins, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley;

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing was one of the infamous incidents of the civil rights era and served to galvanize people of goodwill;

WHEREAS, Carolyn Maull McKinstry has subsequently survived a second bombing and has persevered to become an inspiration to us all; and

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia's Office of Community Outreach and Involvement will honor Carolyn Maull McKinstry in conjunction with the university's "UDC Pride Week" on Thursday, February 16, 2006.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Carolyn Maull McKinstry Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Carolyn Maull McKinstry for the valuable contribution she has made to the United States of America and the District of Columbia and thanks her for her courage and perseverance.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To salute, recognize and honor Sara Collins Rudolph, a survivor of the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham in conjunction to the University of the District of Columbia's Office of Community Outreach and Involvement "UDC Pride Week" on February 16, 2006.

WHEREAS, Carolyn Maull McKinstry, Junie Collins Peavy and Sarah Collins Rudolph were children present at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham Alabama on September 15, 1963;

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church was bombed at approximately 10:19 a.m., killing eleven-year old Denise McNair, and fourteen year olds Addie Mae Collins, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley;

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing was one of the infamous incidents of the civil rights era and served to galvanize people of goodwill;

WHEREAS, Sara Collins Rudolph is the only girl to have survived the blast and has written her autobiography to chronicle her life; and

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia's Office of Community Outreach and Involvement will honor Sara Collins Rudolph in conjunction with the university's "UDC Pride Week" on Thursday, February 16, 2006.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sara Collins Rudolph Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Sarah Collins Rudolph for the valuable contribution she has made to the United States of America and the District of Columbia and thanks her for her courage and perseverance.

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To salute, recognize and honor Junie Collins Peavy, a survivor of the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham in conjunction with the University of the District of Columbia's Office of Community Outreach and Involvement "UDC Pride Week" on February 16, 2006.

WHEREAS, Carolyn Maull McKinstry, Junie Collins Peavy and Sara Collins Rudolph were children present at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham Alabama on September 15, 1963;

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church was bombed at approximately 10:19 a.m., killing eleven-year old Denise McNair, and fourteen year olds Addie Mae Collins, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley;

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing was one of the infamous incidents of the civil rights era and served to galvanize people of goodwill;

WHEREAS, Junie Collins Peavy has continued to "overcome" and writes inspirational writings to assist others; and

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia's Office of Community Outreach and Involvement will honor Junie Collins Peavy in conjunction with the university's "UDC Pride Week" on Thursday, February 16, 2006.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Junie Collins Peavy Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Junie Collins Peavy for the valuable contribution she has made to the United States of America and the District of Columbia and thanks her for her courage and perseverance.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2006

To recognize and honor the D.C. Celebration Black History Committee in conjunction to its Annual Program to celebrate Black History Month, African American Men Sing Songs of Praise, on February 16, 2006.

WHEREAS, the D.C. Celebration Black History Committee was founded in 1998 in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Celebration Black History Committee was established to serve as a model organization to all cities, as they attempt to promote and celebrate the achievements and contributions that African Americans have made to the United States;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Celebration Black History Committee will develop a citywide outreach forum that will be held during the month of February;

WHEREAS, the D.C. Celebration Black History Committee develops and sponsors programs each year highlighting the contributions of African Americans in the fields of education, the arts, religion, and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the D.C. Celebration Black History Committee is presenting their annual program to celebrate Black History month with "African American Men Sing Songs of Praise".

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "D.C. Celebration Black History Committee's African American Men Sing Songs of Praise Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors and congratulates the D.C. Celebration Black History Committee for the valuable contribution it has made to the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2006

To posthumously salute, recognize and honor the Honorable Wilhelmina Jackson Rolark, Esq., for her lifetime of achievement and service to the residents of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina J. Rolark was born in Portsmouth, Virginia on September 17, 1916;

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina J. Rolark graduated from Howard University in 1936 and received a masters degree in political science in 1938, and a law degree from Terrell Law School in 1938;

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina J. Rolark began her law career by working as a civil rights attorney during the 1940's;

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina J. Rolark founded the National Association for Black Women Attorneys during the 1950's;

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina J. Rolark met her husband to be Calvin W. Rolark in 1960 and the two were wed in 1963;

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina J. Rolark and Dr. Calvin W. Rolark were inseparable in life and worked in tandem to improve the lives of the poor and disadvantaged in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina J. Rolark was an active and hardworking civil rights worker lending her legal talents, organizing skills and many hours of time and effort to the movement;

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina J. Rolark and Dr. Calvin W. Rolark recognized a need to report positive news about the Black community and founded the Washington Informer Newspaper in 1966;

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WHEREAS, Wilhelmina J. Rolark and Dr. Calvin W. Rolark founded the United Black Fund of Greater Washington in 1969 and served in numerous leadership positions;

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina J. Rolark and Dr. Calvin R. Rolark along with Ralph ("Petey") Greene started the Annual Ward 8 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Parade in 1978;

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina J. Rolark was elected to the Council of the District of Columbia as the Ward 8 Councilmember in 1976 and served four consecutive terms until 1993; and

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina Rolark is survived by her daughter, Denise Rolark Barnes, her son Calvin Rolark, Jr., two grandsons, Desmond and Lafayette Barnes, two nephews John Bowie, and John Jackson, Jr., a niece Linda Lenoir, seven grand nieces and nephews, and three great-grand nieces and nephews and many friends and admirers.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Honorable Wilhelmina J. Rolark Posthumous Life Achievement Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and remembers the Honorable Wilhelmina J. Rolark, Esq., for the valuable contribution she has made to the citizens of the United States of America and to the residents 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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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2006

To posthumously commemorate the life of Oliver Flournoy, and to declare February 21, 2006, "Oliver Flournoy Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Oliver Flournoy was born on February 8, 1929 in Burke County, Georgia;

WHEREAS, Oliver Flournoy moved with his family to the District of Columbia at the age of 4;

WHEREAS, Oliver Flournoy attended the District of Columbia Public Schools, including Bruce Elementary, Banneker Junior High and Phelps Vocational High School, where he was certified as a cobbler;

WHEREAS, Oliver Flournoy went on to serve with distinction as a Sergeant in the Korean War;

WHEREAS, Oliver Flournoy worked for the Government Printing Office and retired after 21 years as a foreman for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Oliver Flournoy owned and operated a child day care center during his retirement;

WHEREAS, Oliver Flournoy served as the chair of the Petworth Neighborhood Watch, and was known by many neighbors as the "Mayor of Kenyon Street";

WHEREAS, Oliver Flournoy and his wife Gladys had six children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Oliver Flournoy, also known as "Flint" or "Pop," died February 14, 2006 at the age of 77.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Oliver Flournoy Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the outstanding life and times of Oliver Flournoy and declares February 21, 2006 as "Oliver Flournoy 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

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We recognize three outstanding African American women in the Department of Mental Health, Ella Thomas, Joy Holland and Juanita Price for their contributions, which have benefitted agency clients and helped to improve the quality of life for citizens in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Ella Thomas, Joy Holland and Juanita Price have each distinguished themselves as leaders of major units within the Department of Mental Health in areas once considered as non-traditional for women managers in the agency's history;

WHEREAS, Ella Thomas, is a Licensed Independent Social Worker and member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers, appointed by Mayor Williams in October 2005, as Interim Director of the Department of Mental Health and a former member of the faculties of Case Western Reserve University, School of Social Work and Cuyahoga County Community College;

WHEREAS, Ella Thomas oversees the District's public mental health system in which 19,000 people are enrolled and certifies providers of Medicaid-reimbursable services, administers licenses for Mental Health Community Resident Facilities and responsible for the operations of St. Elizabeths Hospital;

WHEREAS, Joy Holland earned her BSN in nursing from St. Joseph College and masters degree in Health Care Administration and is the CEO of St. Elizabeths as the first African American woman to direct the hospital and has been a consultant to the United States Army and for organizations in Europe;

WHEREAS, Joy Holland is responsible for the District's public psychiatric hospital and has worked with many different patient populations, which include psychiatric, substance and drug abuse and mental retardation, as well as work with persons in the prison populations;

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WHEREAS, Juanita Price is the Chief Executive Officer of the District of Columbia Community Services Agency for the Department of Mental Health, which is the largest provider of community based mental health services in the District and has earned a national reputation for implementing effective change management strategies;

WHEREAS, Juanita Price provides leadership for approximately 400 staff and has responsibility for delivering mental health services to approximately 6,000 children and adults and recipient of the highest marks of all other agencies survey for achieving quality client outcomes for people with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, Joy Holland, Juanita Price and Ella Thomas have outstanding careers as African-American women managing and delivering services in three key offices within the Department of Mental Health and have gained the respect and honors as leaders in the field of mental health and the delivery of quality services.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ella Thomas, Joy Holland, Juanita Price Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, and honors Ella Thomas, Joy Holland and Juanita Price for distinguished service and commitment to residents 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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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To highlight kidney disease risk factors, provide basic information about testing and treatment, increase the availability of all organs for transplantation, and thus, improve the health and well-being of individuals and families affected by kidney diseases, and to declare March 2006, as "Kidney Month" in the District of Columbia .

WHEREAS, with over 75,000 people dying from causes related to kidney failure each year, kidney disease is America's ninth leading cause of death;

WHEREAS, the number of people with chronic kidney disease has doubled in each of the last two decades. Today, 20 million Americans – 1 in 9 adults – have chronic kidney disease and another 20 million are at increased risk;

WHEREAS, although they represent only 13% of the U.S. population, African-Americans make up roughly 33% of all patients being treated for kidney disease;

WHEREAS, over 61,000 patients nationwide are waiting for a kidney transplant. While a new name is added to the waiting list every 13 seconds, only about 16,000 will get a new kidney this year due to a shortage of suitable organ donors;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has the highest prevalence of kidney failure in the nation. For certain areas of the city, including those with the zip codes of 20002, 20011 and 20019, the incidence of end-stage renal disease is 44 times the national average;

WHEREAS, there are more than 4,800 patients currently on dialysis in the District of Columbia, and over 1,750 are awaiting life-saving kidney transplants;

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WHEREAS, kidney disease usually progresses silently, often destroying most of the kidney function before causing any symptoms. Therefore, people at risk of developing kidney disease, such as individuals with diabetes and high blood pressure, should be evaluated regularly; and

WHEREAS, with early diagnosis and treatment of underlying diabetes and high blood pressure, many cases of kidney disease can be prevented or slowed through medication and lifestyle changes.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia urges citizens to become aware of kidney disease preventive measures, to ask their doctors during annual physicals to prescribe tests for blood sugar, urine analysis and kidney function, and declares March 2006 as "Kidney Month 2006".

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To proudly recognize, honor and express our overwhelming gratitude to Gregory M. McCarthy for his commitment to excellence as a public servant and for his numerous contributions to the government of the District of Columbia and its citizens.

WHEREAS, Gregory McCarthy has worked tirelessly and continuously over the years to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, in 1991, Gregory McCarthy was one of Councilmember Jack Evans' very first supporters in his initial run for the Ward 2 Council seat and was instrumental in his efforts in Logan Circle;

WHEREAS, in 1996, Gregory McCarthy served as Councilmember Jack Evans' treasurer in his re-election bid and in 1988 was the chair of Evans' Issues Committee in his mayoral bid;

WHEREAS, Gregory McCarthy, as a trusted member in Williams' administration, always took time to update and inform the Council of developments in his home neighborhood, Logan Circle, and the city as a whole;

WHEREAS, Gregory McCarthy could often be spotted lobbying Councilmembers on the steps of the Wilson Building in his running shorts before or after a workout run, and is known for wearing smashing ties to offset his occasionally rumpled hair;

WHEREAS, Gregory McCarthy enjoys traveling to exotic places and enjoys running marathons, white water rafting, fishing and climbing mountains; and

WHEREAS, Gregory McCarthy is passionately supportive of his elderly parents.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gregory M. McCarthy Recognition Resolution of 2006".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors and appreciates Gregory McCarthy's commitment to excellence and stellar public service performance on behalf of the citizens of the District of Columbia and wishes him only the best in his future endeavors.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2006

To salute and honor the West Wing and its production team, as the longest running television show set in the District of Columbia in conjunction with the final episode being filmed on March 4 - 6, 2006.

WHEREAS, the West Wing is a popular television drama based upon the West Wing of the White House and set in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the West Wing is now aired in the United Kingdom and Japan, and first aired on NBC in 1999;

WHEREAS, the West Wing has won critical acclaim and 24 Emmy Awards and 2 Golden Globe Awards;

WHEREAS, the West Wing production has resulted in NBC-TV spending over \$10 million in the District of Columbia, including the hiring of our local residents, using our local businesses, and staying in local based hotels;

WHEREAS, the West Wing producers have sponsored the Film DC Screenwriting competition for the last five years enabling our residents with an interest in screenwriting a chance to compete and win a trip to Los Angeles, California;

WHEREAS, the West Wing has served to attract other television shows to the District of Columbia and enhanced the city as a tourist attraction; and

WHEREAS, the West Wing will film its final episode in the District of Columbia on March 4 - 6, 2006.

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

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates the West Wing and its production team for the valuable contribution they have made to the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2006

To recognize Tennis At Shiloh for its innovative program that incorporates community outreach as an integral component of the church mission to help improve the quality of life for residents in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Tennis At Shiloh was founded on April 3, 1976 as a community outreach program of Shiloh Baptist Church;

WHEREAS, Tennis At Shiloh has for the past 20 years held memberships in the United States Tennis Association and the American Tennis Association;

WHEREAS, Tennis At Shiloh has maintained a longstanding partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Tennis At Shiloh has provided free tennis lessons to over 1,000 youth in the District of Columbia for the past 29 years and hosted the city's largest adult and senior tennis tournament;

WHEREAS, Tennis At Shiloh has celebrated 25 years as sponsors of the Men's and Women's Competitive Tennis Teams that have participated in the Washington Area Tennis League; and

WHEREAS, Tennis At Shiloh has maintained an outstanding legacy for athletic performance because of its devotion and dedication to the field of tennis instruction, education and humanitarian efforts for the betterment of society in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Tennis at Shiloh Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Tennis At Shiloh for its efforts to improve opportunities in the sport and contribute to the quality of life for residents in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2006

To recognize and honor the Health Outreach Information Network, Inc., in conjunction with its 5th Annual Mother's Day Celebration on Sunday May 14, 2006.

WHEREAS, the Health Outreach Information Network, Inc., ("HOIN") was formed a decade ago by the Honorable Nadine Winters a cancer survivor and a group of friends alarmed by the high incidence of cancer in the community;

WHEREAS, HOIN is dedicated to informing residents of the necessity of cancer screenings and early detection;

WHEREAS, HOIN works in concert with the health community and social service providers to disseminate information on preventive health to the uninsured, unserved and underserved population of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, HOIN is comprised of a dedicated group of volunteers who continue to work on behalf of others even though they may be ill themselves; and

WHEREAS, HOIN is sponsoring its 5th Annual Mother's Day Celebration on Sunday May 14, 2006.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Health Outreach Information Network, Inc., (HOIN) 5th Annual Mother's Day Celebration Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Health Outreach Information Network, Inc., and the many volunteers for the valuable contributions they have made to the residents 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

March 7, 2006

TO commemorate the reading efforts of students at Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School, and to declare March 3, 2006 as "Elsie Whitlow Stokes Reading Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the importance of daily reading at an early age as a way to develop curiosity, imagination and language skills;

WHEREAS, students at Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School have enjoyed two weeks of literacy-related activity;

WHEREAS, the students have read at least 40 minutes each day for the past two weeks;
and

WHEREAS, for three years, the students have been the State Champions for Reading is Fundamental's Community Reading Challenge.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Elsie Whitlow Stokes Reading Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the outstanding work of the students of Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School and declares March 3, 2006 as "Elsie Whitlow Stokes Reading Day" in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2006

To salute, recognize and honor the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Senior High School's Football Team, Crimson Tide, in conjunction with its City Championship at the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association Annual (DCIAA) Turkey Bowl, on Thursday November 24, 2005.

WHEREAS, the Dunbar Senior High School Football Team is coached by head Football Coach Craig Jefferies, a '75 graduate, now one of the winningest coaches in Inter-high history;

WHEREAS, the Dunbar Senior High School Football Team has won 3 consecutive citywide championships;

WHEREAS, the Dunbar Senior High School Football Team has won 8 division titles and won 7 citywide championships in the last 8 years;

WHEREAS, the Dunbar Senior High School Football Team is considered by many to be among the greatest of all high school football teams; and

WHEREAS, the Dunbar Senior High School Football Team is to be honored at an awards banquet in its honor at the Mount Airy Baptist Church, on Wednesday, March 22, 2006.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dunbar Senior High School Crimson Tide Citywide Champions Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates the Dunbar Senior High School Football Team and Head Coach Craig Jefferies for the winning tradition and school pride they have contributed to the Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School and to the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2006

To heighten awareness of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the African-American community and improve the quality of life of persons infected and affected by the HIV/AIDS virus and to declare March 11, 2006 as "Confronting HIV/AIDS in the Black Church Day 2006" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2006 From the Heart HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry holds a seminar entitled "Confronting the topic of HIV/AIDS in the Black Church: Why is the subject of HIV/AIDS a Taboo in the Black Church?" designed to open the hearts of Christians so that persons infected and affected with HIV/AIDS will find a safe haven within the church;

WHEREAS, African-Americans represent 13% of the total U.S. population; they represent 49% of diagnosed AIDS cases in 2004;

WHEREAS, estimated AIDS prevalence among African-Americans increased by 35% between 2000 and 2004, compared to a 22% increase among whites;

WHEREAS, nationwide, one in 50 African -American men has AIDS; one in 160 African-American women has AIDS;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has the highest rate of HIV infection per capita, one out of every 20 people, among major metropolitan areas in the United States;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is among the top 10 regions with the highest number of African Americans estimated to be living with AIDS, with more than 7,000 cases;

WHEREAS, African-Americans are concerned about HIV/AIDS, and are the only racial/ethnic group to name it as the number one health problem in the United States;

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WHEREAS, stigma and silence about HIV/AIDS within the African-American community are obstacles to compassion, care and support for people with HIV/AIDS and fuels its transmission; and

WHEREAS, From the Heart HIV/AIDS Outreach Ministry established in October, 2003 by First Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church provides District residents with health education, community outreach programs, sources of referrals for counseling in conjunction with the pastor and outside agencies, and spiritual support.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Confronting HIV/AIDS in the Black Church Day Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby encourages all District residents to mobilize against HIV/AIDS in the African-American community by taking part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS, and join the national effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS, and declares March 11, 2006 as "Confronting HIV/AIDS in the Black Church Day 2006" 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

March 7, 2006

To raise awareness about the increasing impact of HIV/AIDS transmission on women and girls, and to declare March 10, 2006 as "Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2006" in the District of Columbia .

WHEREAS, March 10, 2006 marks the first annual National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2006 to call for a community effort to increase communication, education and action to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS;

WHEREAS, in the United States, women represent 27% of new AIDS diagnoses in 2004, compared to only 11 percent of new AIDS cases reported in 1990;

WHEREAS, HIV infection among women of color is increasing at alarming rates, and African American and Hispanic women together represent more than three-quarters of AIDS cases among women;

WHEREAS, Latino youth who represent 16% of the US adolescent population, account for 21% of all new AIDS cases reported among teens.

WHEREAS, of adult and heterosexual women with AIDS, 64% were exposed through heterosexual contact, 34% were exposed through injection drug use;

WHEREAS, an estimated 3,927 children were living with AIDS at the end of 2004, of whom 97% probably acquired the infection from their mothers;

WHEREAS, currently almost 10,000 people in the District of Columbia are living with AIDS;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has the fastest AIDS diagnoses rate with 179.2 AIDS cases per 100,000 population, far surpassing other municipalities and states; and

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WHEREAS, the Young Women of Color Leadership Council, sponsored by Metro Teen AIDS seeks to promote HIV/AIDS prevention and empowerment among young people.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby declares its support for National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, encourages all District residents to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS, take part in HIV/AIDS prevention activities and programs, and join the national effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS, and declares March 10, 2006 as "Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2006" 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

March 7, 2006

To reinforce the importance of nutrition as a key component of good health and to promote healthy lifestyles for District residents, and to declare March 2006 as "Nutrition Month" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, National Nutrition Month is a nutrition education and information campaign held annually to focus public attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits;

WHEREAS, unhealthy eating and physical inactivity are leading causes of death in the United States, contributing to over 500,000 deaths each year –13 times more than are killed by guns and 20 times more than by drug abuse;

WHEREAS, Americans are consuming twice as many high-fat snack foods and 3 times as many soft drinks than they were 20 years ago;

WHEREAS, less than 25% of Americans consume the recommended 5 or more fruits and vegetables a day;

WHEREAS, due to unhealthy eating habits, almost two-thirds of American adults are seriously overweight or obese, and obesity rates in children have doubled over the last 2 decades – 14% of children and 12% of teens are obese;

WHEREAS, current investments to promote healthy eating and physical activity are insufficient. The federal government's largest nutrition education program (the "5 A Day" program) has an annual outreach budget of about \$3.6 million, and Mars spends \$68 million every year to promote M&Ms candies and McDonald's spends \$1 billion on advertising and promotion;

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WHEREAS, state and federal governments spend one thousand times more to treat disease than to prevent it - \$1,390 per person each year for treatment versus \$1.21 for prevention;

WHEREAS, healthier diets could prevent at least \$71 billion per year in medical costs, lost productivity, and lost lives due to diet-related coronary heart disease, stroke, cancer, and diabetes while obesity alone is estimated to cost \$117 billion, and osteoporosis costs \$14 billion in medical expenses; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies have shown that even small improvements in nutrition will reduce your risk of disease and extend your life.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia encourages citizens to become aware of importance of healthy eating and learn about making the right food choices, and declares March 2006 as "Nutrition Month 2006" 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

March 7, 2006

To recognize the importance and history of Jazz music on U Street, and to declare April 2006 as "Jazz Appreciation Month" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Jazz is an original American art form that affirms the noblest aspirations of our national character, individual discipline, perseverance, and innovation;

WHEREAS, Jazz and U Street have produced some of America's leading creative artists and has inspired dancers, choreographers, poets, novelists, filmmakers, classical composers, and musicians in many other kinds of music;

WHEREAS, Jazz speaks eloquently of freedom for people in the United States and abroad, and has become an international language that bridges differences and brings people of all races, ages, cultural and ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, America's and U Street's jazz heritage deserves to be appreciated as broadly as possible and should be part of the education of both adults and children.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Jazz Appreciation Month Declaration Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes all Jazz artists, educators and enthusiasts in this city and across the nation, and declares April 2006 as "Jazz Appreciation 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

March 7, 2006

To recognize and acknowledge the legendary talents of Chuck Brown as one of the city's best-known musical artist who created a special genre of music that has world-wide recognition and contributes to the cultural experiences of residents in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown was born in Gaston, North Carolina and at an early age moved to the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown is recognized for his musical genius that has brought international attention to the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown is the godfather for the original musical sound known as Go-Go;

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown began his musical career in the early 1960's and performed with well-known signer Jerry Brown and his group, the Earls of Rhythm;

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown in 1965 gained experience with Latin music as a member of the group called the Los Latinos where he acquired a keen interest in this different type of syncopated rhythm;

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown began experimenting with new combinations of musical sounds that included Jazz, African and Latin beats which evolved into an institutionalized Go-Go sound;

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown in 1971 had the first hit record for his newly-created sound entitled "We the People" later followed in 1972 by another hit recording known as "Blow the Whistle";

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown introduced his musical talents to even larger audiences on an international scale with the release of the song "Go Go Swing" and continued to expand the list of hit records during the past 3 decades;

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown in 2002 released an acclaimed double DVD and companion CD that include the documentary "From the Belly of the Drum" that features some of the music industry's best known performers;

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WHEREAS, Chuck Brown received the Lifetime Heritage Fellowship Award from the National Endowment for the Arts and considers him among the few 20th century musicians to introduce a musical genre that has continued to mature within the world of music;

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown in 2003 received the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences Board of Governors Award;

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown is a recipient of an Emeritus Award from The Washington Area Music Association;

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown in 2005 performed his hit song "Bustin' Loose" live during the seventh inning stretch of the Washington Nationals' Major League Baseball opening day in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown in 2006 performed at the Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame as part of their Funk Music for Black History Month;

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown received the state of Maryland 2006 Governor's Black History Month Award of Merit presented by Governor Robert Ehrlich;

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown has been married for 22 years to Ja Ja and is the father of ANC Cherita Whiting, daughter KayKay, a well known rapper, three sons William, athletic stars Nekos and Wiley, and has two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Brown has been acclaimed as a national treasure for his well-known rhythmic sounds and its affects upon music worldwide.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Chuck Brown for his original musical style and contributions of time and talent given throughout the years to the District of Columbia.

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