

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 2, 2006

To recognize and honor the Gospel Rescue Ministries in conjunction with its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 19, 2006.

WHEREAS, the Gospel Rescue Ministries of Washington, D.C., provides shelter to the homeless, treatment from those suffering from addictions, and jobs for the unemployed;

WHEREAS, Gospel Rescue Ministries of Washington, D.C., has served tens of thousands of homeless men and women during its years of service to the Washington Metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, Gospel Rescue Ministries of Washington, D.C., is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the vital importance of the work conducted by Gospel Rescue Ministries of Washington, D.C.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the Gospel Rescue Ministries 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends Gospel Rescue Ministries of Washington, D.C., on its century of service to those in need in the District of Columbia and applauds the Ministries' leadership, services, and accomplishments and urges its continued impact on reducing homelessness, hunger, unemployment, and hopelessness in the Washington Metropolitan area. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the Gospel Rescue Ministries on the occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 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

May 2, 2006

To recognize and honor the Reverend Frank D. Tucker in conjunction with his being honored by the United Planning Organization for seventeen years of dedicated service.

WHEREAS, the United Planning Organization is the designated community action agency for the District of Columbia providing its citizens a wide array of human services;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Frank D. Tucker has been a member of the United Planning Organization's governing body since 1989 serving on the Community Organization, Organizational Development, Assessment and Operations Committees; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Tucker has worked tirelessly to assure District of Columbia residents are afforded the services they deserve in order to assure a better life for their families.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates the Reverend Frank D. Tucker for the valuable contribution and the seventeen years of dedicated service he has made to the United Planning Organization and 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

May 2, 2006

To recognize and honor Ms. Carol W. Caldwell in conjunction with her being honored by the United Planning Organization for twenty-three of dedicated service.

WHEREAS, the United Planning Organization is the designated community action agency for the District of Columbia providing its citizens a wide array of human services;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carol W. Caldwell has been a member of the United Planning Organization's governing body since 1983 serving on the Executive, Administrative/Monitoring, Audit/Finance, Community Organization, Head Start/Day Care Committees, and Chairing the Community Organization Committee;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caldwell served as Co-Chair of the UPO Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee and Chair of the UPO/Joseph A. Beavers Scholarship Fund which, since 1990, has awarded 105 scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caldwell has demonstrated an astute recognition of the many unique issues affecting the Washington, DC community fighting on behalf of her neighbors by proposing solutions to community problems such that the United Planning Organization could subsequently tackle those problems.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates Carol W. Caldwell for the twenty-three of dedicated service she has made to the United Planning Organization and 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

May 2, 2006

To recognize and honor Mr. Clyde E. Howard, Jr., in conjunction with his being honored by the United Planning Organization for seventeen years of dedicated service.

WHEREAS, the United Planning Organization is the designated community action agency for the District of Columbia providing its citizens a wide array of human services;

WHEREAS, Mr. Clyde E. Howard, Jr. has been a member of the United Planning Organization's governing body since 1980 serving on the Audit/Finance, Community Organization, Economic Development, Human Resources, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, Planning, Research & Evaluation, UPO/Joseph A. Beavers Scholarship, Ad Hoc Bylaws, and Ad Hoc Building Relocation Committees;

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard served as a Member of the UPO Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee and Member of the UPO/Joseph A. Beavers Scholarship Fund which, since 1990, has awarded 105 scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard has fought to assure District of Columbia residents are afforded the services they deserve in order to assure a better life for their families.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Clyde E. Howard, Jr., Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates Clyde E. Howard, Jr., for the valuable contribution and for seventeen years of dedicated service he has made to the United Planning Organization and 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

May 2, 2006

To recognize and honor Ms. Dorothy M. Brown in conjunction with her being honored by the United Planning Organization for twenty-one years of dedicated service.

WHEREAS, the United Planning Organization ("UPO") is the designated community action agency for the District of Columbia providing its citizens a wide array of human services;

WHEREAS, Ms. Dorothy M. Brown was a member of the United Planning Organization's governing body from 1984 to 2005 serving as Chair of the Youth, Education, Employment, and Training Committee, and a Member of the Executive and Head Start/Day Care Committees;

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown served as a Member of the UPO Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Committee and Member of the UPO/Joseph A. Beavers Scholarship Fund which, since 1990, has awarded 105 scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown has fought tirelessly for District of Columbia residents in various aspects in order to assure that families are afforded the quality services they deserve.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates Dorothy M. Brown for the valuable contribution and the twenty-one years of dedicated service she has made to the United Planning Organization and 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

May 2, 2006

To honor the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance on the occasion of its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to recognize the distinguished citizens and organizations to which it will pay tribute at its anniversary reception.

WHEREAS, the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC ("GLAA") was founded in April 1971 to advance the cause of equal rights and social equality for lesbians and gay men living in the District of Columbia through peaceful participation in the political process;

WHEREAS, GLAA ranks as the oldest continuously active gay and lesbian rights organization in the country;

WHEREAS, GLAA has long fought to improve District government services to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities from the police and fire departments to the Department of Health and the Office of Human Rights;

WHEREAS, GLAA has educated District voters by rating candidates for Mayor, Council and Board of Education;

WHEREAS, GLAA has been an outspoken advocate for a safe and affirming educational environment for gay and lesbian youth;

WHEREAS, GLAA has participated in lobbying efforts to defeat undemocratic and discriminatory amendments to the District's budget;

WHEREAS, GLAA has been a leader in advancing the rights of same-sex couples and their families in the District, including cooperation with D.C. officials to craft an effective legislative strategy; and

WHEREAS, GLAA at its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception on April 20, 2006, presented its Distinguished Service Awards to several individuals and organizations who have helped advance the causes and concerns of lesbians and gay men in the District of Columbia, specifically: D.C. Councilmember, Phil Mendelson; ACLU/NCA Legal Director, Art Spitzer; Metro Weekly Publisher, Randy Shulman; Metropolitan Community Church of Washington; Photojournalist, Patsy Lynch.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes GLAA on the occasion of its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception on April 20, 2006 and thanks its members for their long record of dedicated service that has advanced the welfare not only of the gay and lesbian community but of the entire population of the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 2, 2006

To recognize and honor the Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Care, Inc., in conjunction with Older Americans Month, its 30 years of serving the senior population of the District of Columbia and on the occasion of its Annual Intergenerational Spring Fling on May 5, 2006.

WHEREAS, the month of May is "Older Americans' Month" and the Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Care, Inc., has been serving the elderly community of the District of Columbia for 30 years;

WHEREAS, the Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Care, Inc., strives to prevent further emotional, physical or cognitive deterioration of seniors who have suffered strokes, schizophrenia, Alzheimer's disease and related dementia and other mental and physical impairments;

WHEREAS, the Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Care, Inc., provides a humanistic alternative to expensive and often premature nursing home placement that enables caregivers to keep their loved ones at home and comfortable within the ties of their family and friends; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Care, Inc., celebrates its work and its senior participants at its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Intergenerational Spring Fling and have adopted the theme, "Celebrating Ordinary Seniors Living Extraordinary Lives".

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Care, Inc., Intergenerational Spring Fling Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, and congratulates the Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Care, Inc., for the valuable contribution it has made to our senior residents and 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

May 2, 2006

To honor the contributions of the St. Brendan's Day Commission to the Washington, D.C., community, and to declare May 20, 2006, as "St. Brendan's Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Saint Brendan's Day Commission of Washington, DC was founded in 2003 to celebrate the influence of Irish culture on American society and the diversity of the Washington, D.C. community through the development of an annual family oriented, non-alcoholic youth festival;

WHEREAS, the first Saint Brendan's Voyage Youth Festival was held in Adams Morgan in October 2004;

WHEREAS, the Saint Brendan's Voyage Youth Festival is a volunteer-run event that celebrates the legendary travels of the Celtic Saint Brendan the Voyager;

WHEREAS, the Saint Brendan's Voyage Youth Festival is the only uniquely Irish cultural festival in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, a percentage of proceeds from the Saint Brendan's Voyage Youth Festival are donated to the Marie Reed Learning Center in Adams Morgan; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Brendan's Voyage Youth Festival will celebrate its second festival day at the Marie Reed Learning Center in Adams Morgan on May 20, 2006.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "St. Brendan's Voyage Youth Festival Recognition Resolution of 2006".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of salutes the founders and organizers of the Saint Brendan's Voyage Youth Festival; thanks them their record of dedicated service to advance cultural education and diversity of the entire population of the District of Columbia; and declares April 22, 2006 as "St. Brendan's 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**

May 2, 2006

To recognize and honor the contributions of the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame 2006 Inductees to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame was established in 1998 by Dr. Janette Hoston Harris, City Historian of Washington, D.C., to recognize those stalwarts who contributed to the growth of the city;

WHEREAS, the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame Society rewards residents of the District of Columbia for their excellence, community service, dedication, and leadership;

WHEREAS, many of those honored have established neighborhood programs and led innovative projects that have resulted in improvements in schools and communities, and have enhanced the quality of life for residents of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame Society will induct 11 new members and honor 7 others with national, regional, and posthumous awards on April 23, 2006;

WHEREAS, the 2006 Hall of Fame Inductees include Vera Majett for business, Susan Kidd for communications, Theresa Howe Jones for community development, Dr. Eleanor Traylor for cultural arts, Dr. Marilyn Tyler Brown for education, Dr. Bette Catoe for health, Secretary Togo D. West, Jr., for law, E. Veronica Pace for politics and government, the Reverend John W. Wimberly for religion, Harry G. Robinson for science and technology, and Bob Headen for sports;

WHEREAS, Hugh Price, former National President of the Urban League shall receive the National Award, Dr. C. Delores Tucker will be awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award posthumously, James Brown and Joseph E. Robert, Jr., will receive Regional Awards, and Charles Bryant, Reverend David Durham, and Dr. Roland Scott shall be honored posthumously;

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Washington D.C. Hall of Fame Award Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates all the inductees and award winners of the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame Society and their contributions to our city.

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

May 2, 2006

To recognize and honor the District of Columbia Retired Teachers Association in conjunction with its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon on May 18, 2006

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Retired Teachers Association is celebrating fifty years of serving the youth and the community of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Retired Teachers Association represents retired educators on the DC Retirement Board, provides volunteer opportunities, builds and maintains fellowship with colleagues, and serves as liaison with NRTA, a division of AARP;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Retired Teachers Association is a strong voice that promotes the professional, social and economic welfare of educators;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Retired Teachers Association provides mentoring and tutoring assistance to students and instructional materials to schools;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Retired Teachers Association lobbies for improved services and increased funding for retired educators;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Retired Teachers Association presents \$3,000 scholarships to three District of Columbia Public School graduating senior students who are pursuing a career in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Retired Teachers Association is celebrating its Annual Spring Scholarship Luncheon with the adopted theme, "Serving Students and Community: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Retired Teachers Association's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates the District of Columbia Retired Teachers Association for the valuable contribution it has made to the retired educators, the students and 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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**16-240**

**IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**May 2, 2006**

To honor Marva P. Benjamin for her commitment to the youth of the District of Columbia, to recognize her accomplishments and years of service to the Children's Bureau, and to declare April 26, 2006, as "Marva P. Benjamin Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Marva P. Benjamin, a longtime District of Columbia resident, has dedicated her service to the federal government for 25 years, and to our city at the Georgetown University Medical Center and the District of Columbia Department of Public Welfare;

WHEREAS, Marva P. Benjamin, known as an expert and an advocate for improving mental health services for children, has spent many years promoting culturally competent child welfare practice and a well-trained and committed workforce to ensure the welfare of children and families is always protected;

WHEREAS, Marva P. Benjamin, an acclaimed scholar in her field, has produced numerous publications and given many presentations to professional and citizens' organizations on issues related to the health and well being of children and families, especially people of color;

WHEREAS, Marva P. Benjamin has given generously of her own time to improve the lives of fellow citizens in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Marva P. Benjamin not only set an impeccable professional example, but also consistently raised the bar for elegance and style in the workplace;

WHEREAS, Marva P. Benjamin has earned the love and respect of her colleagues, who will sorely miss her upon her retirement; and

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WHEREAS, the Children Bureau's loss is the rest of the world's gain, as Marva P. Benjamin will continue both her world travels and her active involvement in her beloved District of Columbia community.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and appreciates the life and work of Marva P. Benjamin and declares April 26, 2006, as "Marva P. Benjamin 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**

**May 2, 2006**

To recognize the Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative for continued efforts to provide services to the community that support families and the quality of life in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative is located in the Brookland Manor community of Ward Five;

WHEREAS, the Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative in 2006 will celebrate a decade of service to the community;

WHEREAS, the Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative has worked with numerous residents, neighborhood groups and other service providers to build supportive services critical to the development of a neighborhood based service system that can best meet the needs of children and families living in the community;

WHEREAS, the Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative believes that all families can thrive where there is a growing economy, a coordinated system of school-based education and community-based youth development, and a responsive and comprehensive web of social service, economic and health care support; and

WHEREAS, the Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative believes that with the involvement of development corporations, schools, local businesses and resident groups that housing choices in the city will improve; children will be healthier and do better in school; more parents will be employed and better able to save for the future.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative and their overall commitments to build support networks for families that help contribute to the quality of life for residents 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

May 2, 2006

To commemorate the start of construction at the DC USA retail development in Columbia Heights, and to declare May 6, 2006, as "DC USA Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the DC USA retail development is located at 14<sup>th</sup> and Irving Streets, N.W., in Columbia Heights;

WHEREAS, the DC USA project will be the largest single retail development in the District of Columbia, and home to the District of Columbia's first Target store;

WHEREAS, planning for the DC USA retail development in Columbia Heights began in September of 1999;

WHEREAS, the District government financed the construction of a 1,000-space parking garage at the DC USA site;

WHEREAS, the DC USA retail development will bring needed jobs and commerce to Columbia Heights upon its scheduled opening in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Heights community gathered on May 6, 2006 to celebrate the start of construction and welcome their new neighbors.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commemorate the start of construction at the DC USA retail development in Columbia Heights, and declares May 6, 2006 as "DC USA 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**

May 2, 2006

To honor John S. Smith, Sr., for his commitment to the District of Columbia and a lifetime of federal service, and to declare May 6, 2006, as "John S. Smith, Sr. Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, John S. Smith, Sr., a life-long resident of the District of Columbia, attended and graduated from numerous schools in the District of Columbia, including Garrison, St. Augustine, and Sumner-Magruder Elementary Schools, Francis Junior High School, and Armstrong and Dunbar Senior High Schools;

WHEREAS, John S. Smith, Sr., entered the United States Navy during World War II and served 17 months in the United States and overseas theaters before receiving an honorable discharge in July 1946;

WHEREAS, John S. Smith, Sr., enrolled in and graduated from the Washington Drafting School under the G.I. bill before entering the civilian federal service;

WHEREAS, John S. Smith, Sr., served as a draftsman for the Defense Logistics Agency, the Defense Special Project Group, the College of the Armed Forces, and the Defense Investigative Service;

WHEREAS, John S. Smith, Sr., throughout his life, provided over 46 years of federal service;

WHEREAS, John S. Smith, Sr., has received numerous awards in recognition of his superior and outstanding service including the Defense Investigative Service Meritorious Award; and

WHEREAS, John S. Smith, Sr., has served his North Michigan Park community as a member of the National Geographic Society, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Society of Federal Artists and Designers, and the Knights of Columbus as a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and appreciates the life and work of John S. Smith, Sr., and declares May 6, 2006, as "John S. Smith, Sr. 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

May 2, 2006

To recognize the J. W. Marriott Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue in conjunction with its "Thirteenth Annual Ten Who Are Ten" Foundation Scholarship Grants awarded to the 121st-130th DC Public School Students.

WHEREAS, ten 10-year-olds, from the District of Columbia Public School System will be awarded a \$2,500 scholarship grant for college upon graduation from high school, by the J. W. Marriott Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue;

WHEREAS, a total of 130 young people will have been so honored since the "10 Who Are 10" competition's inception coinciding with the 10th anniversary of the opening of the J. W. Marriott Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue in 1994;

WHEREAS, owing to the extraordinary dedication of its principals, teachers and counselors, who participated in this, the thirteenth anniversary year of the "10 Who Are 10" competition;

WHEREAS, the J. W. Marriott Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue and other Marriott and Renaissance Hotels in the District of Columbia are spiritedly serving this community and our public school system with the Thirteenth Annual "10 Who Are 10" Foundation Scholarship Grants; and

WHEREAS, the ten remarkable 10-year-olds from the District of Columbia School System are recognized for their academic excellence and creative interpretation of the 2006 theme: "Give a Rap for Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds".

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ten Who Are Ten Foundation Scholarship Grants Award Recognition Resolution of 2006".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the J.W. Marriott Hotel's "10 Who Are 10 Day" in the District of Columbia on May 25, 2006 and its selfless devotion to community services with 23 years of leadership in the hospitality industry.

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**

May 2, 2006

To recognize and honor Alyce Jackson Cornish on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, Alyce Jackson Cornish was born in Charleston, South Carolina on February 18, 1906;

WHEREAS, Alyce Jackson Cornish's father was a tailor and her mother was a homemaker;

WHEREAS, Alyce Jackson Cornish had three brothers and one sister;

WHEREAS, Alyce Jackson Cornish was sent to school in Washington, D.C., in the 1920s and, after the death of her parents, brought a brother and sister to the District to live with her;

WHEREAS, Alyce Jackson Cornish graduated from Minor Teachers' College and taught kindergarten and the first grade throughout her long career;

WHEREAS, Alyce Jackson Cornish was the first woman on the vestry at St. George's Episcopal Church;

WHEREAS, Alyce Jackson Cornish, because she was once late for services at St. George's, decided to stop at St. Paul's Episcopal Church to worship, only to find out she was the only black person present;

WHEREAS, Alyce Jackson Cornish returned to St. Paul's several times and did so with the blessing of her fellow congregants at St. George's, whom she said, urged her to "go up there and disturb the peace for a while";

WHEREAS, through her actions, Alyce Jackson Cornish successfully integrated St. Paul's and was eventually asked to join its congregation; and

WHEREAS, Alyce Jackson Cornish celebrated her 100th birthday on February 19, 2006 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church surrounded by family, friends and fellow congregants.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Alyce Jackson Cornish 100th Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2006".

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Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors the achievements of Alyce Jackson Cornish on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



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**IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**May 2, 2006**

To recognize and honor the District of Columbia Insurance Federation Safety Kit donation program to protect the District of Columbia's children and adults from fire and other perils.

WHEREAS, District of Columbia residents experience significant damages and injuries as a result of fire and other accidents that occur in their homes;

WHEREAS, these injuries and damages could be avoided if the households of District residents were equipped with basic safety devices;

WHEREAS, the basic safety devices include smoke detectors, first aid kits, outlet safety plugs, informational injuries, nightlights, flashlights, school fire safety kits, and fire extinguishers that are readily accessible for use by children or adults;

WHEREAS, many District homes lack these basic safety devices;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Insurance Federation is a nonprofit trade association that is dedicated to improving the lives and protecting the safety of District residents through community education and awareness programs and other activities designed to minimize dangers and risks that cause injury and damage to District residents;

WHEREAS, members of the District of Columbia Insurance Federation donated over \$13,000 to purchase safety kits that will be distributed to District households; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia wishes to recognize the important contribution made by the District of Columbia Insurance Federation and particularly those members of DCIF that contributed to the D.C. Insurance Federation Safety Kit Donation program, including: Allstate, USAA, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Prudential Financial, and Erie Insurance.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Insurance Federation Safety Kit Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia joins the citizens and businesses of the District in expressing their appreciation to the D.C. Insurance Federation, for providing safety kits to District households, thereby protecting homes and property, saving lives, and improving the overall safety of District residents.

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

May 2, 2006

To recognize the importance of a national comprehensive immigration reform plan that would assist the undocumented families who contribute to our economy and are living in the District, and restoring civil rights and civil liberties to all; and to declare May 1, 2006 as "Fair National Immigrant Reforms Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, we believe in the dignity of all District residents, regardless of immigration status, and recognize the importance of their many contributions to the social, religious, cultural, and economic life of the City;

WHEREAS, immigration reform is of crucial importance to the hospitality industry of the District;

WHEREAS, the United States urgently needs legislation to correct the failings of our immigration system, to recognize the crucial contributions immigrants make to our nation, to enable employers to legally hire needed immigrant workers, to protect all workers regardless of immigration status from mistreatment by employers, to facilitate family reunification and to restore civil rights and civil liberties to all;

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would restore the rule of law, enhance the security of the United States, and reflect the core values of the nation, including fairness, equality of opportunity, and individual justice, while resulting in realistic, enforceable laws;

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would help build healthy families and communities in our City by bringing immigrants out of the shadows;

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would remove barriers that make it difficult for immigrants to access vital local services, and to actively participate in civic activities;

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WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would give undocumented immigrants who have been living and working in the District a path to permanent legal status and citizenship;

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would help eliminate the tremendous backlog in family immigration in order to effectively reunite families nationwide, and would create legal and orderly processes for people who want to come to the United States to work;

WHEREAS, comprehensive immigration reform would support our City's commitment to the full integration of newcomers by providing immigrants with quality English instruction, the tools necessary for meaningful citizenship, and opportunities to move up the economic ladder; and

WHEREAS, punitive legislation that is not comprehensive and targets immigrants could have severe local consequences, including the division of families; the criminalization of socially beneficial work being performed by local agencies, churches and businesses that work with undocumented workers; the elimination of judicial review and due process for valued city residents; and the undermining of trust between City residents and their government.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Fair National Immigrant Reforms Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the hard work and contributions of all immigrants, and declares May 1, 2006 as "Fair National Immigrant Reforms 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

May 2, 2006

To recognize and support the Cover the Uninsured Week campaign, as it seeks to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable health coverage, and to declare the week of May 1-7, 2006 as "Cover the Uninsured Week 2006" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, National Cover the Uninsured Week is an annual campaign held to help to enroll eligible individuals in public programs, educate businesses and their employees on how they can get and keep health coverage, and support health professionals and organizations that want to offer volunteer care;

WHEREAS, 45.8 million Americans lack health coverage of any kind, representing 15.7% of the total U.S. population;

WHEREAS, in 2004 health insurance premiums increased by 11.2%, compared with a 2% increase in consumer prices and earnings;

WHEREAS, eight in ten of the uninsured live in working families that cannot afford health insurance and are not eligible for public programs;

WHEREAS, fewer small businesses are able to provide coverage to their employees, and those that do are struggling to retain the coverage that they offer. Only 47% of firms with three to nine employees offered health insurance in 2005;

WHEREAS, even at higher income levels (above 200 percent of the federal poverty level) African American and Hispanics are more likely to be uninsured than non-Hispanic whites;

WHEREAS, in the District of Columbia, 14.3% of population, or 79,000 residents, do not have health insurance;

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WHEREAS, with its Medicaid program and DC HealthCare Alliance, the District is the only jurisdiction nationwide that guarantees universal health coverage for all residents under 200% of the poverty level, one of the broadest eligibility policies in the nation; and

WHEREAS, since 1998 the District government has expanded the number of low-income people covered by District-mandated health benefits from 112,000 to 164,000 residents.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "National Cover the Uninsured Week Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby declares our support for National Cover the Uninsured Week in Washington, D.C., encourages all District residents to participate in various Week activities and join thousands of other citizens telling the nation's leaders that health coverage must be the top priority, and declares the week of May 1-7, 2006 as "Cover the Uninsured Week 2006".

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

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16-249

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 2, 2006

To reinforce the importance of physical activity as a key component of good health, and to promote healthy lifestyles for persons of all ages and abilities, and to declare May 17, 2006 as "National Employee Health and Fitness Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, National Employee Health and Fitness Day is an annual campaign held on the third Wednesday of May to promote the benefits of physical activity for individuals through their work site health promotion activities;

WHEREAS, physical inactivity, along with unhealthy eating, are leading causes of death in the United States, two factors that contribute to 310,000 to 580,000 deaths each year – 13 times more than are killed by guns and 20 times more than by drug abuse;

WHEREAS, more than 60% of American adults do not get the recommended 30 minutes of physical activity a day, and nearly four in 10 aren't physically active at all. In addition, more than 120 million Americans – 64.5% of the adult population – are overweight and nearly 59 million, or 31%, are obese;

WHEREAS, some studies report that employees involved in physical activity programs commit fewer errors on tasks involving concentration and short-term memory as compared to workers not involved in physical activity programs;

WHEREAS, as health care costs increase, a rising number of companies are using workplace wellness programs to improve employees' health and reduce medical claims. These programs generally provide health information, and may also offer free or low-cost services such as medical checkups and weight management and smoking cessation classes.

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia maintains approximately 32,000 employees;

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WHEREAS, Town Sports International, the parent company of the Washington Sports Club, maintains nineteen fitness clubs in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, including ten in the District;

WHEREAS, Town Sports International has agreed to offer District employees, including their spouses and life partners, a discounted membership rate; and

WHEREAS, a healthy work environment benefits both employers and employees - it results in fewer illnesses and injuries, decreased absenteeism, increased job satisfaction and improved morale.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "National Employee Health and Fitness Day and Town Sports International Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby declares our support for *National Employee Health and Fitness Day* in Washington, D.C., encourages all District employers to adopt health policies and programs that reduce the risk of premature morbidity and mortality and disability, foster healthy lifestyles, and support a healthy working environment and declares the May 17, 2006 as "Employee Health and Fitness Day 2006".

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

May 2, 2006

To recognize the Smooth and Easy Hand Dance Institute and the National Hand Dance Association for a resurgence and popularity of Hand Dance in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Hand Dance is a popular, vibrant renewal of music and dancing originating from the 1950's and 1960's, has been passed on to successive generations;

WHEREAS, the art of Hand Dance was created, developed, promoted, expanded, and has been sustained in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance promotes physical and mental health through a safe and low impact aerobic exercise for people of all ages;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance has encouraged cross-generation and cross-social/economic interactions, thereby helping to foster a strong, inclusive and diverse community;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance helps youth develop the physical skills of agility, coordination, and flexibility and the social skills of cooperation, conflict resolution, consideration and respect;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance has and continues to generate tax revenue from the entrepreneurship associated with the art of hand dance;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance venues throughout the Metropolitan area are places where one can go and feel comfortable and safe;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance is an art form with myriad steps and different foot patterns which, in conjunction with many turns and body movements, requires time, practice and much effort;

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WHEREAS, unlike many forms of dance and styles of music, Hand Dance will and shall survive in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Smooth and Easy Hand Dance Institute ("SEZ"), with the support of the National Hand Dance Association ("NHDA"), has served as a catalyst for the resurgence and popularity of Hand Dance both locally and nationally, due almost solely to the hard work and dedication of the SEZ and NHDA, hand dance is recognized and sanctioned as swing dance and is included in swing dance events throughout the United States.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Hand Dance Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia, congratulates all those who have contributed to keeping the Hand Dance legacy preserved and for achieving national recognition in this endeavor, and urges all District residents to learn, practice and hand dance.

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

May 2, 2006

To recognize and honor Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc., in conjunction to its annual Black Mother's Day Gala, on May 6, 2006.

WHEREAS, Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc. ("UHU") was founded in the District of Columbia in 1985;

WHEREAS, Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc., began as a group of volunteers that provided holistic health information for people living with HIV/AIDS;

WHEREAS, Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc., received direct funding from the Centers for Disease Control to provide HIV prevention activities for gay black gay and bisexual men in suburban Maryland, northern Virginia, northeast West Virginia and Washington, D.C., in 1999;

WHEREAS, Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc., initiated an innovative program titled the "Down Low" that grew into a national model;

WHEREAS, Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc., has developed a number of successful and creative programs in collaboration with many segments of the community to address HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc., is sponsoring its annual Black Mother's Day Gala, on May 6, 2006.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc., Annual Black Mother's Day Recognition Resolution of 2006".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, and congratulates Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc., for the valuable contribution it has made to address HIV/AIDS among the African American population and 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

May 2, 2006

To salute and honor York Van Nixon on his recognition by the Boxing Information Center during their Capitol Gloves Tournament and to recognize his 50 years of service to the boxing industry on May 13, 2006.

WHEREAS, York Van Nixon was born in Pocatello, Idaho and moved to Washington, D.C., with his family at the age of 8 years old;

WHEREAS, York Van Nixon became a championship bodybuilder in the mid 1950s;

WHEREAS, York Van Nixon was the first Negro Wrestler to break the color barrier;

WHEREAS, York Van Nixon was the first minority to hold an office with the World Boxing Association and was named its Vice President in 1999;

WHEREAS, York Van Nixon served as the Chairman of the District of Columbia Boxing and Wrestling Commission from 1967 to 1984;

WHEREAS, York Van Nixon served as the President of the Metropolitan Boys & Girls Clubs;

WHEREAS, York Van Nixon has been recognized by having the United States Flag flown over the Capitol in his honor;

WHEREAS, York Van Nixon was nominated by the United States Congress to serve as the Chairman of the Federal Boxing Commission;

WHEREAS, York Van Nixon has been active in the boxing industry for more than 50 years; and

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WHEREAS, York Van Nixon is being honored by the Boxing Information Center's Capitol Gloves Tournament on May 13, 2006.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates York Van Nixon for the valuable contribution he has made to the boxing industry for more than 500 years and 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

May 2, 2006

To honor the students, volunteers and staff of Community of Hope for their achievements in youth health and education, and to declare May 20, 2006, as "Community of Hope at Marie Reed Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Community of Hope operates a health clinic at the Marie Reed Learning Center in Ward One;

WHEREAS, Community of Hope was recently designated a Federally Qualified Health Center;

WHEREAS, Community of Hope will add dental services and behavioral health support, and provide 8,000 additional patient visits a year beginning in 2007 as a result of this designation;

WHEREAS, Community of Hope will dramatically improve the health of the uninsured in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Community of Hope also operates the Yes I Can! Saturday Academy at the Marie Reed Learning Center;

WHEREAS, the Saturday Academy includes 14 weeks of math and reading instructions on Saturday mornings;

WHEREAS, the Saturday Academy also includes enrichment activities and field trips in dance, the arts and sports; and

WHEREAS, a group of 75 children has completed the Saturday Academy and took part in a graduation ceremony on May 20, 2006.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Community of Hope at Marie Reed Recognition Resolution of 2006".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the students, volunteers and staff of Community of Hope for their achievements in youth health and education, and declares May 20, 2006 as "Community of Hope at Marie Reed 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.