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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 7, 2004

To recognize the District of Columbia United Way Campaign, and declare November 17, 2004 as it's tenth annual "Day of Caring".

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2004, the District of Columbia United Way will celebrate its tenth annual "Day of Caring";

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia United Way "Day of Caring" highlights the positive community service spirit of volunteers, business agencies, local government and organizations in hands-on group volunteer projects;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia United Way Campaign's tenth annual "Day of Caring" honors individuals, who live, work or do business in the District of Columbia and have demonstrated an extraordinary spirit of caring;

WHEREAS, hundreds of local employees will donate annual leave and preform tasks or services at United Way Campaign agencies around this great city throughout the day; and

WHEREAS, their selfless acts of love and caring will make this city a better place for all of us.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "United Way Campaign Day of Caring Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the District of Columbia United Way campaign on the occasion of it's tenth annual "Day of Caring" celebration and declares November 17, 2004 as "Day of Caring" 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

December 7, 2004

To recognize and celebrate the 21st anniversary of the African American Holiday Expo, and to declare December 18 and December 19, 2004 as "African American Holiday Expo Days" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the African American Holiday Association ("AAHA") is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization composed of adult and youth volunteers;

WHEREAS, the African American Holiday Expo is an annual event and was created in 1984 by Mama Ayo Handy-Kendi, the founder of the AAHA;

WHEREAS, this year marks the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the African American Holiday Expo;

WHEREAS, the African American Holiday Expo has showcased positive opportunities, services, products, entertainment, workshops and health screening for the entire family with a special emphasis on youth entrepreneurship through its Youth Entrepreneur Project;

WHEREAS, Kwanzaa is a holiday that celebrates family, community, and culture celebrated by an estimated 18 million people of African descent worldwide and is the fastest growing holiday in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the African American Holiday Expo Days have furthered the celebration of Kwanzaa in the Metropolitan area and nationwide through its media campaigns, educational workshops, and storytelling.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "African American Holiday Expo Days Recognition Resolution of 2004".

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Sec. 2 . The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the organizers of the African American Holiday Association; urges the residents of Washington, D.C., to recognize the contributions of the Association; recognizes the traditional African-American holiday Kwanzaa, based on seven African heritage principles, and declares December 18 and December 19, 2004 as "African American Holiday Expo Days" 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.

## A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 7, 2004

To recognize and honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as one of the most revered and respected Americans of our time. The United States of America recognizes his contributions with a National Holiday named in his honor;

WHEREAS, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday is celebrated to commemorate his life and legacy including his contributions to peace, justice and equality for all citizens annually on January 15th;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led a successful boycott of the Montgomery, Alabama transit system that resulted in the desegregation of that system and brought national and international attention to the problems of segregation and racial discrimination in 1955;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., organized the Southern Christian Leadership Conference that became the central base of operations for the civil rights movement during the late 1950's and 1960's;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led more than 200,000 people in a mass demonstration in Washington, D.C., to demand equal justice for all citizens in the shadow of the Lincoln Memorial, on August 28, 1963;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., became the youngest recipient of the coveted Nobel Peace Prize, in December of 1964;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led the way for passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act through his selfless commitment to inspiring human rights for all people;

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through his dedication to full civil rights for all Americans, was a major force in the passage of the Voting Rights Act, which guarantees that the electoral process is a meaningful exercise in democracy for all people; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy remains alive in the hearts and minds of all Americans and future generations through out the world.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia proudly joins the citizens of the District as they celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and pay tribute to the life of a man whose struggles permanently transformed the social fabric of America.

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

December 7, 2004

To salute, recognize and honor the Reverend Dr. Leon G. Lipscombe, Sr., of the Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church on the occasion of his retirement in May of 2005 and in conjunction with a "Gala Appreciation Celebration" in his honor on April 8, 2005.

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Leon G. Lipscombe, Sr., entered the ministry 56 years ago;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Leon G. Lipscombe, Sr., was installed as the Pastor of the Allen Chapel African Episcopal Methodist Church, located in the southeast quadrant of Washington, D.C., in 1970;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Leon G. Lipscombe, Sr., is credited with building the largest African Methodist Episcopal Church in the District of Columbia within the past 50 years;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Leon G. Lipscombe, Sr., has served in leadership and membership positions of numerous organizations, including the Washington Conference, the Washington Inter-Faith Council, the Stanton School, East of the River Development Corporation, the D.C. Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the National Urban League, the Whitman Walker Clinic and Prison Fellowship, the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Mason and others;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Leon G. Lipscombe, Sr., pursued a vision of economic empowerment that resulted in the purchase of an apartment building, the church parsonage, the outreach ministry building, the day care center building, a senior citizen building, the retirement of the church mortgage, an additional property to allow for future development; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Leon G. Lipscombe, Sr.'s, longevity and service as a pastor and servant has led to the Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church being designated, "The Cathedral of Southeast" and him as a "Pastor's Pastor".

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as "The Reverend Dr. Leon G. Lipscombe, Sr., Retirement Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates The Reverend Dr. Leon G. Lipscombe, Sr., on the occasion of the "Gala Appreciation Celebration" in his honor on April 8, 2005, on his retirement as the pastor of the Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church in May of 2005 and for the valuable contribution he 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 the performance "People to People, a Shared African Heritage" by the African Heritage Dancers and Drummers, which celebrates the group's founding, Ethiopian-American relations and contributions, and African holidays, and to declare December 26, 2004 as "People to People, a Shared African Heritage Day" in the District of Columbia

WHEREAS, the African Heritage Drummers and Dancers celebrate their 47th anniversary this year in their performance of "People to People, a Shared African Heritage" on December 26, 2004 at the historic Lincoln Theater on 13th and U Streets in Ward One;

WHEREAS, "People to People" also marks the 38th annual celebration of Kwanzaa, a major African community cultural institution;

WHEREAS, "People to People" recognizes the recent contributions of the Ethiopian community to the development and revitalization of Adams Morgan and the U Street corridor in Ward One;

WHEREAS, "People to People" also celebrates the Ethiopian holidays of Genna and Inqutatash, which together with Kwanzaa provides a celebration to unite two African peoples with its message of brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, "People to People" marks the 100th anniversary of Ethiopian-American relations.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL of THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "People to People, a Shared African Heritage Day Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the African Heritage Dancers and Drummers on 47 years of traditional performances, recognizes the contributions of the Ethiopian community in Ward One and 100 years of Ethiopian-American relations, celebrates Kwanzaa, Genna and Inqutatash, and declares the December 26, 2004 as "People to People, a Shared African Heritage 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

December 21, 2004

To honor the 2005 District of Columbia Teacher of the Year, Jason Kamras.

WHEREAS, Mr. Jason Kamras earned his Bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1995, and earned his Master's in education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 2000;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jason Kamras joined the faculty of John Philip Sousa Middle School in 1996 as a member of Teach for America;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jason Kamras is in his eighth year of teaching at the John Philip Sousa Middle School;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jason Kamras is an innovative seventh and eighth grade math teacher who has developed and co-piloted Sousa's "Double Math" program which has significantly improved student performance on the Stanford 9 Achievement Test;

WHEREAS, Jason Kamras has also served in several leadership roles that include grade level chair, math department co-chair, math standards specialist, mentor teacher, staff development leader, disciplinary dean, and standardized testing team co-chair; and

WHEREAS, we honor Jason Kamras for his educational leadership and demonstrated excellence in teaching.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution be cited as the "2005 District of Columbia Teacher of the Year Jason Kamras Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds and extends its gratitude to Jason Kamras for enriching the lives of the citizens of the District of Columbia through his tireless work and excellence in teaching.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 21, 2004

To celebrate and recognize the Ballou Marching Band for a superb year in community service and band competition.

WHEREAS, the Ballou Senior High School Marching Band has performed superbly under the leadership of Head Coach Darrell Watson;

WHEREAS, the Ballou Marching Band raised \$75,000 dollars to pay for a trip to the National Band Competition in Carson, California, where the band placed second in the Home Depot National Battle of the Bands competition;

WHEREAS, the Ballou Marching Band has been selected from thousands of marching bands nationwide to perform at the Presidential Inauguration parade;

WHEREAS, the Ballou Marching Band has contributed to the community by participating in the Light the Night Walk which raised money for blood cancer awareness and research; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and commitment of the Ballou Marching Band has inspired fellow students, parents, and District residents, by showing that through hard work and perseverance anything can be accomplished.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ballou Marching Band Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the Ballou Marching Band for being an outstanding Band in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 21, 2004

To recognize and honor Everene Cooper Johnson for her outstanding service to the District of Columbia government.

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson has devoted her life to better the District of Columbia where she lived, worked, been educated, and nurtured her children

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson earned an undergraduate degree in Sociology from Howard University and a Master's in Sociology from Catholic University;

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson has, over the years, extended her graduate studies at the University of Maryland;

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson began work with the District of Columbia government 43 year ago;

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson started her career with the District of Columbia government as a Recreation Specialist for the Department of Recreation;

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson was a police officer for the Metropolitan Police Department;

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson and her father were honored as the first Father and Daughter on the police force of the Metropolitan Police Department in its history;

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson served as a Social Services Representative for the Department of Human Resources, Family and Child Services;

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson was a Social Services Representative for the Office of Protective Services at the Department of Human Resources;

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WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson served as a Social Worker for the Adoption Branch at the Department of Human Resources;

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson served as a Social Worker for the Licensing, Certification and Consultation Services Division of the Department of Human Resources;

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson served as Supervisory Adult Care Specialist for the Department of Human Services, Office of State Agency Affairs;

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson served as a Social Worker for the Licensing, Certification and Consultation Services Division of the Department of Human Services;

WHEREAS, in the Capital City of the most powerful country in the world Everene Cooper Johnson has served as Team Leader of the Hospital Team for the Service Facility Regulation Administration at the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs; and the Licensing Regulation Administration, the Health Regulation Administration and the Health Care Regulation and Licensing Administration of the Department of Health;

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson has received numerous commendations from her employers who recognized her exemplary, tireless efforts on behalf of the District of Columbia government;

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson was commemorated by the Virgin Islands of the United States, Department of Health, Office of the Commissioner for Consultation on Regulating and Licensing Activities for being instrumental in developing and implementing the Virgin Islands Department of Health's Program of Regulation; and

WHEREAS, Everene Cooper Johnson was venerated for her outstanding public service by the District of Columbia Hospital Presidents and Chief Executive Officers;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Everene Cooper Johnson Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Everene Cooper Johnson for her untiring dedication to social work and to the citizens of the District of Columbia.

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