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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 5, 2005

To recognize Dr. Charles K. Williams, Pastor and the Standard of Living Ministries (SOLM) on the occasion of their Grand Sunday 8th Anniversary on February 27, 2005, and to declare that day as "Dr. Charles K. Williams Grand Sunday" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles K. Williams is a native Washingtonian and has been a pillar in Anacostia;

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles K. Williams is the founder and Pastor of the Standard of Living Ministries ("SOLM"), which has been a safe haven to many in the community;

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles K. Williams and SOLM are celebrating their 8th Anniversary on Grand Sunday, February 27, 2005;

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles K. Williams is a Washingtonian who is well respected and admired among the residents and business leaders in the community;

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles K. Williams understands the needs of the community in which he was raised;

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles K. Williams has organized and established several ministries at SOLM, such as "Men of Standard" Men's Fellowship, Spread Others Sunshine, Adolescents Living in Victory Every Day, and God-Sistahs Women's Fellowship to assist his community;

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles K. Williams has personally organized and participated in functions through those ministries to feed and clothe the less fortunate and to promote health awareness;

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles K. Williams and SOLM support a host site for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children;

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles K. Williams has led many other efforts to raise the standard of living of the people in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles K. Williams is a civic activist as a member of the Fellowship of Inner City Word of Faith Ministries (FICWFM) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP);

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles K. Williams was president of the Kramer Middle School Parent's Teacher's Association and is included in the Heritage Registry of Who's Who; and

WHEREAS, the Council thanks Dr. Charles K. Williams and SOLM for their efforts to improve and uplift the quality of life for residents of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. Charles K. Williams Grand Sunday 8th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Dr. Charles K. Williams and the Standards of Living Ministries, and declares February 27, 2005 as "Dr. Charles K. Williams Grand Sunday" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To posthumously recognize and honor the life and contributions of longtime community activist and Crestwood resident Gladys J. Duncan.

WHEREAS, Gladys J. Duncan was born in Charlottesville, Virginia on September 19, 1896 to William Jackson and Nannie Cox Jackson;

WHEREAS, Gladys J. Duncan graduated from Dunbar High School and Miner Teachers' College in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Gladys J. Duncan married Todd Duncan, her husband of 62 years, on June 23, 1934, following her marriage to Dr. Charles A. Tignor;

WHEREAS, Gladys J. Duncan's only child, Charles, was born in 1924;

WHEREAS, Gladys J. Duncan traveled extensively with her second husband, a celebrated baritone and concert artist, including trips to Europe, Australia and South America, as well as to many destinations in the United States and Canada;

WHEREAS, Gladys J. Duncan and Todd Duncan lived for many years at 1600 T Street, N.W., before moving in 1958 to 1600 Upshur Street, N.W.;

WHEREAS, Gladys J. Duncan was an early demonstrator in the struggle for civil rights, helping to man picket lines for months in the 1940's in the effort to desegregate the soda fountain at the Peoples Drug Store located at 14th and U Streets, N.W.;

WHEREAS, Gladys J. Duncan became active in a number of social, civic and political groups including the Washington Home Rule Committee and the Democratic Central Committee;

WHEREAS, Gladys J. Duncan served as a delegate to several Democratic National Conventions, commencing in 1952, and became the first African-American member of the Women's National Democratic Club in 1955;

WHEREAS, Gladys J. Duncan used her position as a delegate to the 1956 Democratic Convention to contest the seating of the Mississippi delegation and to advocate the seating of the integrated Mississippi Freedom Party in 1964;

WHEREAS, Gladys J. Duncan was a neighborhood activist who frequently teamed with friends and neighbors to protect the interests of their fellow Crestwood residents;

WHEREAS, Gladys J. Duncan was an active member of Plymouth Congregational Church, where she sang in the choir and took part in the political and social life of the church, particularly with respect to the selection of new ministers;

WHEREAS, Gladys J. Duncan enjoyed entertaining at her home in Washington and at a beloved summer home at Arundel-on-the Bay, near Annapolis, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Gladys J. Duncan died at her Crestwood home on March 9, 2005 at the age of 108.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gladys J. Duncan Posthumous Recognition and Appreciation Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council posthumously recognizes and honors the life of Gladys J. Duncan.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 5, 2005

To posthumously recognize and honor the life and contributions of community activist Jerrie Linder.

WHEREAS, Jerrie Linder was born on April 21, 1920 and raised in King County, New York;

WHEREAS, Jerrie Linder arrived in Washington, D.C., in the early 1950s to take a position in the photography division at *National Geographic*, where she eventually became photo curator of the magazine;

WHEREAS, Jerrie Linder broke new ground as an activist and organizer, becoming a founding member of the DC chapter of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association;

WHEREAS, Jerrie Linder was one of the Washington area's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community's founding women;

WHEREAS, Jerrie Linder was actively involved in many groups including the Gay Women's Alternative, Lavender Languages and the former Gay Community Center, where she served as vice president and was often involved in organizing art shows and cultural events;

WHEREAS, Jerrie Linder was also involved with women's activities in the 1970's at the Washington Area Women's Center and in the 1980's at the Gay Women's Alternative;

WHEREAS, Jerrie Linder remained involved with the community into her eighties, attending annual Pride events as well as conferences such as Lavender Languages;

WHEREAS, Jerrie Linder was recognized at Pride 2004 as one of the GLBT community's "Heroes of Pride;"

WHEREAS, Jerrie Linder was also very active in the preservation of the historic Sumner School at 17th and M Streets, N.W., and was Vice President of the Committee to Save the Rhodes Tavern;

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WHEREAS, Jerrie Linder died February 20, 2005, of complications following a stroke;
and

WHEREAS, a memorial service was held for Jerrie Linder on April 2, 2005, at the Summer School.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Jerrie Linder Posthumous Recognition and Appreciation Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council posthumously recognizes and honors Jerrie Linder.

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

April 5, 2005

To posthumously recognize and honor Judith Bennett-Sattler.

WHEREAS, Judith Bennett-Sattler was born in Falmouth, Trelawny, Jamaica and graduated from the University of the West Indies in Jamaica with advanced degrees in education and management;

WHEREAS, Judith Bennett-Sattler taught high school English in Jamaica for several years;

WHEREAS, from 1987 to 1991, Judith Bennett-Sattler served as Commissioner of the Jamaica National Investment Promotion in San Juan, Puerto Rico where she promoted trade and investments for Jamaica in Puerto Rico;

WHEREAS, from 1991 to 1994, Judith Bennett-Sattler served as Jamaica's trade commissioner to the United States;

WHEREAS, beginning in 1997, Judith Bennett-Sattler received training in philanthropy at the University of Indiana;

WHEREAS, Judith Bennett-Sattler worked with the American Heart Association's Washington region as a special event fundraiser and, in 1998 and 1999, organized the Jazz for the Heart brunch and silent auction;

WHEREAS, in 1998, Judith Bennett-Sattler became director of development of My Sister's Place, a nonprofit agency that provides confidential housing, counseling and job training to battered women and their children, and helped the organization improve its financial stability;

WHEREAS, in 2001, Judith Bennett-Sattler became executive director of My Sister's Place;

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WHEREAS, under Judith Bennett-Sattler's leadership as executive director, My Sister's Place doubled its budget, expanded the number of therapists on staff, opened a shelter for Latina women and served hundreds more women each year;

WHEREAS, in 2004, Judith Bennett-Sattler received the National Conference for Community and Justice's Community Award and the Greater Washington Board of Trade's Golden Links Award;

WHEREAS, Judith Bennett-Sattler was named one of *Washingtonian* magazine's "Washingtonians of the Year in 2003" for her community service and leadership of My Sister's Place;

WHEREAS, Judith Bennett-Sattler was an accomplished poet and writer and was working on a manuscript for a children's book;

WHEREAS, Judith Bennett-Sattler enjoyed reading, especially spiritual and theology books, and was a kickboxer and dancer;

WHEREAS, Judith Bennett-Sattler attended Chevy Chase Baptist Church and was on the board of directors of the Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute;

WHEREAS, Judith Bennett-Sattler died on February 21, 2005;

WHEREAS, in memory of Judith Bennett-Sattler's commitment to women and children who are escaping the devastation of domestic violence, My Sister's Place has established a special fund, "Judith's Dream Fund," to commemorate her; and

WHEREAS, funding from Judith's Dream Fund will be used to support vital projects that were important to Judith Bennett-Sattler and will help ensure that My Sister's Place has the resources to expand its capacity and continue to provide excellent service for survivors of domestic violence and their children.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Judith Bennett-Sattler Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council posthumously recognizes and honors Judith Bennett-Sattler.

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

April 5, 2005

To celebrate and to recognize efforts in the District to improve our local environment and quality of life, and to declare April 22, 2005, as "Earth Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Earth is our home and it is incumbent upon us to be responsible stewards of our local environment;

WHEREAS, there are activities daily in the District of Columbia by community groups, non-profit organizations, District agencies and private citizens that improve our quality of life and protect and preserve the natural environment;

WHEREAS, the Council acknowledges these efforts, and desires that these models be recognized;

WHEREAS, opportunities to promote environmental protection and cost-efficient development in cities are increasingly available and feasible;

WHEREAS, the Council seeks to promote incentives throughout the District government and business sector to implement environmentally friendly design and construction;

WHEREAS, the public health and economic development advantages from promoting a healthy environment demonstrate the feasibility of advancing economic, social and environmental objectives together concurrently;

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the value of this strategy and desires that opportunities be systematically characterized and made known;

WHEREAS, April 22, 2005 is the 25th anniversary of the first United States Earth Day in 1970; and

WHEREAS, on Earth Day, the Council's Committee on Public Works and the Environment will announce new appointments to the D.C. Environmental Planning Commission.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Earth Day Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes efforts in the District to improve the quality of life and local environment and to declare April 22, 2005 as Earth Day in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 5, 2005

To recognize and honor Mr. Henry Lindsey, born in 1941 in Poplar Branch, North Carolina as an educator, golf enthusiast and coach of the Cardozo High School Boy's Basketball Team, the "Clerks" since 1978, and to declare May 3, 2005 as "Henry Lindsey Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Henry Lindsey's steadfast career of service as an athletic coach and educator has significantly helped enhance the lives of countless young men and women for over 42 years;

WHEREAS, Henry Lindsey's resounding excellence as a basketball coach for over 30 years has empowered numerous young men to beat the odds, such as Martyn "Moochie" Norris of the National Basketball Association's New York Knicks;

WHEREAS, Henry Lindsey's unwavering commitment to the academic scholarship of his players in order to prepare them for their adult lives outside of high school and the basketball arena while nurturing his wife, three sons and 4 grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Henry Lindsey coached the Clerks to win the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys Basketball Championship on February 27, 2004 with a 54-50 victory over Roosevelt Senior High School, bringing the trophy home to Cardozo High School for the first time in 46 years;

WHEREAS, the selfless sacrifices of Henry Lindsey contributed in part to bringing back prestige and honor to Cardozo High School, which enabled many young people and others to have a voice in their community;

WHEREAS, Henry Lindsey was inducted into the National High School Coaches Hall of Fame in June 2004;

WHEREAS, Henry Lindsey was named Coach of the Year by the Washington Post in 2004;

WHEREAS, Henry Lindsey will be inducted into the Retired High School Coaches Hall of Fame in June 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Henry Lindsey will be honored for his lifelong contribution to education and athletics on May 3, 2005 in the historic chamber of the John A. Wilson Building at 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Henry Lindsey Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Henry Lindsey for a life of over 40 years of dedication to education, scholastic excellence, and athletic achievements, and declares May 3, 2005 as "Henry Lindsey 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

April 5, 2005

To recognize and honor Lawrence Thurston, Ph.D., for his exemplary professional service as an economist in the Government of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thurston is a native Washingtonian, a lifelong resident of the District of Columbia and resident of North Michigan Park in Ward Five;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thurston was educated in District of Columbia public schools and is a 1970 graduate of Anacostia High School;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thurston earned an undergraduate degree in Economics from George Washington University, a Masters in Economics from George Washington University, and a Doctorate in Economics from George Washington University;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thurston began work with the District of Columbia government over 29 years ago;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thurston started his career in 1975 with the District of Columbia government in the Department of Employment Services as a Labor Economist;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thurston continued his career with the District of Columbia government as a Senior Economist with the Office of the Peoples Counsel and in that capacity conducted economic and technical analyses on matters affecting public utilities in the District of Columbia and provided advice on economic issues to the Peoples Counsel;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thurston in his position as Senior Economist has presented testimony in over 19 formal proceedings before the Public Service Commission to advocate on behalf of and protect the interests of District of Columbia public utility ratepayers;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thurston is a founding member and director of the Anacostia High School Class of 1970 Alumni Association, Inc.;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thurston is a member of the American Economic Association and Omicron Delta Epsilon Honors Society in Economics;

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thurston has conducted, presented or published over 17 studies on employment, labor and utility issues; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Thurston will retire from District of Columbia government service on May 3, 2005;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Lawrence Thurston, Ph.D. Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Lawrence Thurston, Ph.D., for his exemplary professional service as an economist to the citizens and public utility ratepayers 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

April 5, 2005

To recognize and honor Dr. A. Jose Jones for his outstanding careers in the military, marine biology, public education, scuba diving and instruction; and martial arts in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS Dr. A. Jose Jones is a native Washingtonian and resident of Ward Five;

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Jose Jones attended school in the District of Columbia and acquired a unique interest in various species of ocean and marine life;

WHEREAS Dr. A. Jose Jones was a decorated veteran who volunteered for combat swimming courses while in the military;

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Jose Jones in 1959 graduated summa cum laude in biology from the District of Columbia Teachers College and won a Fulbright Scholarship to pursue his studies in marine biology as well as start the Underwater Adventure Seekers (UAS) scuba diving club that won ten straight Mid-Atlantic Scuba Rodeo competitions;

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Jose Jones in 1970 received a National Science Foundation Scholarship for the Duke University Marine Lab;

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Jose Jones won accolades for teaching in the District of Columbia public schools and simultaneously initiated school programs for scuba diving;

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Jose Jones moved from teaching in the District of Columbia public schools to the University of the District of Columbia, where he taught and completed extensive marine research, wrote articles and produced videos about marine life;

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Jose Jones has received numerous educational awards that include Outstanding Teacher of Science, Washington Academy of Science and the Distinguished Faculty Recognition Award Honoree at the University District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Jose Jones has been elected to Outstanding Educators of America and selected as Outstanding Instructor, College of Life Sciences;

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Jose Jones in 1991 co-founded the National Association of Black Scuba Divers (NABS), recognized as the foremost organization to address the unique concerns of black divers;

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Jose Jones in 1992 led members of NABS during its mission to place a plaque on the wreck of the Henrietta Marie slave ship, that commemorated the courage of enslaved African people in its loss;

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Jose Jones has made over 6,000 dives including research, scientific, training, exploratory, competitive as well as military and has taught over 2,000 individuals to dive at no cost;

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Jose Jones has won numerous scuba diving awards that include the 30-Year Member Plaque from Professional Association of Diving; Mid-Atlantic Scuba Diving Championship; two Mid-Atlantic Spearfishing Championships, the Scuba Schools International Platinum 5000 Award, Two-Star International Instructors License from Le Confederation Mondiales de Activities Subaquatiques, Paris France;

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Jose Jones holds a sixth degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and is a former U.S. Heavyweight Tae Kwon Don champion and founded the Wheel Kickers Tae Kwon Do Club featured in "Ripley's Believe It or Not" as the "The Winningest Martial Arts Club in America"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. A. Jose Jones has been featured in every major martial arts magazine in the United States and in 1988 elected to the Capitol Classics Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. A. Jose Jones Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Dr. A. Jose Jones for outstanding accomplishments as decorated veteran, marine biologist, public educator, national and international scuba diver and instructor as well as martial arts expert.

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

April 5, 2005

To honor the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance on the occasion of its 34th 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 34th Anniversary Reception on April 20, 2005, will present 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: Cornelius Baker, former Whitman-Walker Clinic Executive Director; Brother Help Thyself Inc., funding charity; the Honorable Linda Cropp, D.C. Council Chairman; Colbert I. King, Washington Post Columnist; and Jane Troxell, lesbian cultural trailblazer.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance 34th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes GLAA on the occasion of its 34th Anniversary Reception on April 20, 2005 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 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

April 5, 2005

To highlight advances made in combating cancer and to rededicate the District, and the nation, in the fight against this cancer, and to declare April 2005, as "Cancer Control Month" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, cancer accounts for nearly one-quarter of deaths in the United States, exceeded only by heart disease;

WHEREAS, there were at least 15,286 cases of cancer reported in the District between 1997 and 2001, or 543 diagnoses for every 100,000 District residents. During this same time, there were 6,488 cancer-related deaths in the District, a rate of 230 deaths per 100,000 District residents;

WHEREAS, from 1997 to 2001, the District reported the following: 2,059 cases of lung cancer, with 1,629 lung cancer deaths; 2,742 cases of breast cancer, with 556 breast cancer deaths; 1,737 cases of colorectal cancer, with 707 colorectal cancer deaths; and 2,724 cases of prostate cancer, with 459 prostate cancer deaths;

WHEREAS, the District has higher cancer rates than the national average in all forms of cancer except melanoma;

WHEREAS, cancer control involves a broad array of organized activities that have a positive impact on reducing the human burden of cancer, including prevention, detection, treatment and support to cancer patients, their families and their caregivers, and survivorship issues through the end of life;

WHEREAS, the survival rate for all cancers combined and for certain site-specific cancers have improved significantly since the 1970s, due, in part, to both earlier detection and advances in treatment; and

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WHEREAS, a broad cross-section of committed health care institutions, organizations and individuals in the District of Columbia who comprise the DC Cancer Coalition are nearing completion of a comprehensive cancer control plan to reduce the cancer burden for District residents.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Cancer Control Month Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia urges citizens to become aware of cancer prevention, detection and control measures and the need to reduce the cancer burden for residents of the District of Columbia and throughout the United States.

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

April 5, 2005

To recognize the important role the Recreation Wish List Committee plays in the lives of young people in Washington, D.C., and to declare April 27, 2005 as "Recreation Wish List Committee Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, nearly 120,000 children and teens were served by only 74 municipal community centers, many of which had faced substantial cuts in their program budgets in recent years;

WHEREAS, recognizing the role of urban community centers in providing alternatives to the climate of neglect that leads to juvenile crime, Cora Masters Barry, the former First Lady of the District of Columbia; founded the Recreation Wish List Committee in 1995;

WHEREAS, the Recreation Wish List Committee for 10 years has refurbished public recreation centers; resurfaced public tennis and basketball courts across the city for recreation centers; upgraded public baseball fields, adding bleachers and lighting; built tennis courts and regulation boxing rings; installed new dance studios, playgrounds, basketball fields and computer labs; purchased four 15 passenger vans and continues to provide the resources for tutoring, education enrichment opportunities and athletics, as well as life skills and positive values;

WHEREAS, the concept of combining tennis and education in a Ward 8-based facility was the brainchild of the founder, Cora Masters Barry, which resulted in a partnership with the D.C. Government, the construction and completion of the Southeast Tennis and Learning Center, a \$5.1 million dollar facility which is a model for the nation, this facility is a dramatic fulfillment of the Recreation Wish List Committee's mission and its partnership with the D.C. Parks and Recreation;

WHEREAS, the Southeast Tennis and Learning Center does far more than produce basic character-building skills through the game of tennis, it also provides a dynamic, interactive, technology-aided learning environment that creates a thirst for knowledge and a commitment to educational excellence; and

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WHEREAS, at the Southeast Tennis and Learning Center, the Recreation Wish List Committee has developed and supported tennis, educational and after-school programs that have been operating since May 2001, and has very successfully served over 1,000 children in Washington, D.C.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Recreation Wish List Committee Day Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the important role the Recreation Wish List Committee plays in the lives of young people, and declares April 27, 2005 as the "Recreation Wish List Committee 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.