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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 6, 2005

To recognize and honor Shirley McGriff Shannon upon retirement after 30 years of dedicated service and attainment of educational excellence as a teacher and counselor in the District of Columbia Public School system.

WHEREAS, Shirley McGriff Shannon is a lifelong resident of Ward Five;

WHEREAS, Shirley McGriff Shannon attended and graduated from the District of Columbia Public schools and became the first African-American student to integrate Bunker Hill Elementary School and Day Camp;

WHEREAS, Shirley McGriff Shannon attended DC Teachers College and began teaching at Wheatley Elementary School;

WHEREAS, Shirley McGriff Shannon received a masters degree in guidance and counseling from Trinity College and returned as the guidance counselor for Noyes Elementary School;

WHEREAS, Shirley McGriff Shannon co-established the Noyes Before/After School Program and Summer Camp as well as the school swim team for students with low self-esteem and also assisted students into transition group home living from troubled environments;

WHEREAS, Shirley McGriff Shannon provided support and operated a student For Love of Children Program;

WHEREAS, Shirley McGriff Shannon has received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award with many other recognition awards for distinguished service;

WHEREAS, Shirley McGriff Shannon will retire from Ballou Senior High School as the 11th and 12th grade counselor, where she is respected for helping students make positive decisions about their future;

WHEREAS, Shirley McGriff Shannon is a lifetime member of the Michigan Park Christian Church and has served as a Sunday School teacher with participation in church Girl Scout activities; and

WHEREAS, Shirley McGriff Shannon is a role model for colleagues in the teaching profession demonstrated through her dedication to the field of education and counseling.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Shirley McGriff Shannon Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Shirley McGriff Shannon for outstanding service and dedication to students in the District of Columbia Public Schools.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor Adolf Cluss for his significant role in the planning and development of the District as the architect of at least 80 buildings, including the Sumner and Franklin Schools, the Smithsonian's Arts and Industries Building, the 9th Street Masonic Temple, Eastern Market, and the Calvary Baptist Church, on the occasion of the Adolf Cluss Exhibition Project.

WHEREAS, during the 1860's to 1890's, German-born Adolf Cluss was one of the most influential architects and engineers in Washington, D.C., and responsible for over 70 major public and private buildings in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Maryland, and Alexandria, Virginia;

WHEREAS, Adolf Cluss played a key role in shaping a renewed Washington, D.C., following the trauma of the Civil War, into a modern national capital and urban center by designing beautiful school buildings for the District's students by fostering the development of the capital's infrastructure and beautification in his role as the city's engineer and a Board of Public Works member, and by publication of innovative ideas in national media;

WHEREAS, Adolf Cluss was born into a middle class family of master stonemasons, engineers and entrepreneurs in Heilbronn, Germany in 1825, was a colleague and correspondent of Karl Marx, and a participant in the unsuccessful German revolution of 1848;

WHEREAS, Adolf Cluss viewed architecture and city planning as a means to establishing and strengthening the emerging republic which the United States was in his day;

WHEREAS, Adolf Cluss chose to design buildings that contributed to the community, such as schools, churches, and hospitals; consequently, between 1864 and 1889 in Washington, D.C., Adolf Cluss was the architect of 8 churches, 13 commercial buildings, 9 government buildings, 2 hospitals, 3 markets, 4 military structures, 3 museums, 10 public schools, 5 private schools and colleges or universities, and 18 residential properties;

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WHEREAS, Adolf Cluss designed four of the first five buildings on the National Mall, although only one of those is still standing, as well as designed the city's first apartment house, the Portland Flats;

WHEREAS, before the use of marble became the norm in the District's public construction, Adolf Cluss favored using red brick;

WHEREAS, among the 70-plus Cluss-designed structures in the area are eight still standing, including Sumner and Franklin schools, the Smithsonian's Arts and Industries Building, the 9th Street Masonic Temple, Eastern Market, and Calvary Baptist Church;

WHEREAS, as city engineer, Adolf Cluss developed the plan that narrowed Washington's unusually wide streets and encouraged property owners to plant gardens on the leftover street right-of-way in front of their homes;

WHEREAS, Adolf Cluss proposed the regulation allowing the construction of houses with bays, porticos, and towers extending beyond the front property lines, thereby eliminating the bland, flat facades of other 19th Century row houses;

WHEREAS, in 1890, Adolf Cluss was appointed Inspector of Public Buildings for the United States government, thus capping a long career as an architect for public buildings and as a public servant;

WHEREAS, in honor of Adolf Cluss' long and illustrious career, a transatlantic exhibition called "Adolf Cluss From Germany to America: Shaping a Capital City Worthy of a Republic" will be held both in Heilbronn, Germany and in the District at the Charles Sumner School Museum, from September 2005 to February 2006; and

WHEREAS, there will be an event held at Eastern Market to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Adolf Cluss' death on July 24, 2005.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the historic significance of the work of Adolf Cluss in the development of the District and recognizes the month of July 2005 as "Adolf Cluss Appreciation Month" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor Sarah-Elizabeth Langford in conjunction with her representation of the District of Columbia at the Miss America Pageant in 2002 as Miss District of Columbia, as Miss District of Columbia USA in 2004 and competing in the Miss USA pageant in 2005.

WHEREAS, Sarah-Elizabeth Langford, the daughter of Susan Pease Langford and the late Senator Arthur Langford, Jr., was born and reared in Atlanta, Georgia;

WHEREAS, Sarah-Elizabeth Langford graduated with an undergraduate degree in French from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where she excelled in women's gymnastics and wrote for the Michigan Daily Newspaper;

WHEREAS, Sarah-Elizabeth Langford graduated from the Howard University School of Law;

WHEREAS, Sarah-Elizabeth Langford has demonstrated a special interest in young people and works with local high school students through Amnesty International and by being a Big Sister in the Howard Law Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program; and

WHEREAS, Sarah-Elizabeth Langford was selected as a Capital City Fellow in 2004 and currently works in the General Counsel's Office of the Chief Financial Office of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sarah-Elizabeth Langford Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Sarah-Elizabeth Langford and thanks her for the valuable contribution she has made to the District of Columbia.

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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

July 6, 2005

To recognize and honor the contributions to the District of the live-aboard boating community, and to declare August 13, 2005 as "Live-Aboard Boater Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia commemorates a rich maritime history by recognizing the historic live-aboard boating community of Southwest Washington;

WHEREAS, the Gangplank Marina live-aboard community represents an American ideal of unparalleled diversity spanning socioeconomic, ethnicity, age, and lifestyle boundaries;

WHEREAS, while other neighborhoods in the District struggle to create and maintain such a convergence, the Southwest Waterfront has been home to residents of Gangplank Marina for over four decades;

WHEREAS, like any small neighborhood in America, live-aboard boaters share important personal events together, look after each other, particularly in times of need, and contribute to the community at large and live-aboards also keep a watchful eye for the safety of life and property and lend a colorful presence to the Waterfront;

WHEREAS, live-aboard boaters assisted in drafting the original Green Marina guidelines adopted at Gangplank in 2002, which now serve as a model for environmental efforts in other marinas;

WHEREAS, the Washington Channel of the Potomac River is a cleaner body of water each year that live-aboard boaters reside, recreate, and depend upon the river;

WHEREAS, a viable live-aboard community is a valuable component of the waterfront revitalization efforts of the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation;

WHEREAS, August 13, 2005 is the Fourth Annual National Marina Day recognizing the important recreational, environmental, and social contributions that marinas make to thousands of waterfront communities all across America;

WHEREAS, live-aboard boaters enrich, enliven, and help build healthy community marinas across America; and

WHEREAS, Gangplank Marina has the largest live-aboard population on the United States East Coast, currently numbering over 100 individuals.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this

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resolution may be cited as the "Live-Aboard Boater Day Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the contribution to the District of the live-aboard boating community and recognizes August 13, 2005 as "Live-Aboard Boater 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

July 6, 2005

To honor the lifelong service of Rosalie (Rose) Antoinette Smith on the occasion of her 70th Birthday and to recognize her distinguished record of dedicated service to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Rose Smith was born in Northeast, Washington, D.C., and is a fourth generation Washingtonian;

WHEREAS, Rose Smith attended Charles Young Elementary School , Browne Jr. High School and St. Cyprian High School;

WHEREAS, Rose Smith is the proud wife of Melvin Smith who supports her community activism and the proud mother of five children, two daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, fifteen grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren who represent the seventh generation of Washingtonians;

WHEREAS, Rose Smith was a dedicated District of Columbian employee at the Printing Division and served as a labor leader there until her retirement in 1987;

WHEREAS, Rose Smith has been an outspoken advocate for public healthcare in the District and for DC General Hospital;

WHEREAS, Rose Smith has tirelessly served her Ward Five community for over forty years, including her proud service as a precinct captain at Precinct 66 in Bertie Backus Middle School;

WHEREAS, Rose Smith has been a recognized leader in advocating excellence in District of Columbia Public Schools, as the first PTA president of Taft Jr. High School, then as Vice President for several years for the Ward Five Council on Education;

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WHEREAS, Rose Smith has advanced the cause of community groups, which included the Woodridge Community Health Center, Parents United, the Ward Five Leadership Coalition and the Woodridge Civic Association;

WHEREAS, Rose Smith has been a lifelong Democrat in the District of Columbia, and served as a ward leader in the campaigns of Mayors Walter Washington, Marion S. Barry and Anthony Williams; and for Congressional Delegates Walter E. Fauntroy and Eleanor Holmes Norton; as well as for Councilmembers including Vincent B. Orange, Kwame Brown, Adrian Fenty and Kevin P. Chavous; and

WHEREAS, Rose Smith recently received the Ward Five Democratic Award for Community Service in recognition of her many years of service, sacrifice and solidarity on behalf of the party, the ward, the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Rosalie Antionette Smith 70th Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Rosalie Antionette Smith on the occasion of her 70th Birthday Celebration on July 10, 2005 and thanks her for a long record of dedicated service that has advanced the welfare of the Ward Five community and residents of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. The 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

July 6, 2005

To honor and recognize Constantino Brumidis, for his spirit, artistic genius and patriotism and making beautiful the United States Capitol building, and to declare July 26, 2005 as "Constantino Brumidi Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Constantino Brumidis was born 200 years ago, on July 26th in Rome Italy of an Italian mother and Greek father;

WHEREAS, Constantino Brumidi trained to be an artist in Rome and painted there in its palaces and churches;

WHEREAS, Constantino Brumide, after political turmoil in Italy, migrated to the United States in 1852;

WHEREAS, Constantino Brumidi, in 1855, began a 25 year career of painting and making beautiful the United States Capitol building, by painting his masterpiece, *The Apotheosis of Washington* in the dome in 1865;

WHEREAS, Constantino Brumide, in 1871, created the first tribute to an African American in the Capitol when he placed Crispus Attucks at the center of his fresco of the Boston Massacre; and

WHEREAS, The Constantino Brumidi Society honors the 200th Anniversary of the birth of this distinguished gentleman, who made beautiful the United States Capitol building.

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

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes the memory of Constantino Brumidi and declares July 26, 2005 as "Constantino Brumidi 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

July 6, 2005

To recognize, honor and observe The Calvin Woodland Foundation and Reaching Out to Others Together (ROOT), Inc., First Annual Father's Day Commemoration; and to declare June 19, 2005, as "The Calvin Woodland Foundation and Reaching Out to Others Together (ROOT), Inc. First Annual Father's Day Commemoration Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, over 70 people have been murdered in the District of Columbia in the past year;

WHEREAS, over 6,400 people have been murdered in the District of Colombia in the past two decades;

WHEREAS, gun violence homicide has been the leading cause of death for African Americans ages 15 to 24 since 1997;

WHEREAS, each and every homicide is senseless;

WHEREAS, we must motivate and mobilize the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan community to take a proactive approach to reducing homicide and the senseless violence occurring in our city;

WHEREAS, the resources to prevent murder in Washington, D.C. exist within the vast network of resources in the city—including spiritual, human, financial, government and social;

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Council of the District and other government officials are committed to creating a safe and free of violence city for the residents of the District of Columbia;

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WHEREAS, there currently exists a range of community-based efforts focused on ending the epidemic apathy and other conditions that lead to murder;

WHEREAS, a number of these groups have decided to gather and invite others on Father's Day 2005 to remember those murdered in the city and to get to the root of the problem; and

WHEREAS, Washington, D.C.. serves as the Nation's capital, and should be a beacon of safety and non-violence to the Free World.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Calvin Woodland Foundation and Reaching Out to Others Together (ROOT), Inc. First Annual Father's Day Commemoration Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia calls upon residents of the city to declare Father's Day as a murder free day, and challenges all its residents to work for a murder free city in the District of Columbia, and declares March 24, 2005, as "The Calvin Woodland Foundation and Reaching Out to Others Together (ROOT), Inc. First Annual Father's Day Commemoration Recognition Day".

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor E. Faye Williams, Legislative Counsel to Councilmember Marion Barry, for her leadership role in influencing the United States Senate to take the extraordinary step of passing the "Senate Apology" for its failure to enact anti-lynching legislation that would have served as a deterrent to thousands of lynchings in our nation.

WHEREAS, E. Faye Williams has a long history of civic and human rights leadership in the District of Columbia, as well as throughout the nation and around the world;

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams is a lawyer, an educator, a minister, a business owner and Legislative Counsel to Councilmember Marion Barry;

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams serves in numerous leadership capacities, including Counsel to the National Congress of Black Women; Board Member for Council for the National Interest; Board Member for Partners for Peace; Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta--a Public Service Sorority; and Past National President of the Grambling University Alumni Association;

WHEREAS, she was the first African American from her home state of Louisiana to run a viable campaign for the United States Congress;

WHEREAS, she has been the recipient of the prestigious "They Dare to Speak Out Award";

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams is a much sought after speaker for conferences, conventions and religious events because of her inspirational messages; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams represents a model for educational achievement, earning her B.S. Degree *magna cum laude*, her MPA, Ph.D, J.D., and D.Min. Degrees with honors, and she works with and serves as a role model for young people in College for Kids and College for Teens.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the work of E. Faye Williams for the betterment of her fellow citizens, and for making history in influencing the U.S. Senate to apologize to its citizens for never having passed anti-lynching legislation.

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

July 6, 2005

To recognize and honor Mr. Philip P. Buffa, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the District of Columbia of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department after 26 years of dedicated service.

WHEREAS, Philip P. Buffa, Jr., was born in Brooklyn, New York and fulfilled a lifelong goal to be a fireman, following in the footsteps of several of his family members;

WHEREAS, Philip P. Buffa, Jr., was appointed to the D.C. Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department on August 6, 1979 and completed his training in October 1979;

WHEREAS, Philip J. Buffa, Jr., was assigned to Truck 13 in Northeast Washington from October 1979 to October 1981;

WHEREAS, Philip P. Buffa, Jr., was stationed at Engine 18 in Southeast Washington from October 1981 to July 1984 and at Truck 7 from 1984 to 1987;

WHEREAS, Philip P. Buffa, Jr., served with Rescue Squad 3 on V Street, Southeast Washington from December 1987 to October 1996;

WHEREAS, Philip P. Buffa, Jr., served as the wagon driver while he was stationed at Engine 29 on MacArthur Boulevard in the Palisades area of Northwest Washington from October 1996 until his retirement on August 6, 2005;

WHEREAS, Philip P. Buffa, Jr., carried the Olympic Torch through Arlington, Virginia in 2001 in honor of fallen firefighters who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, carrying their names with him; and

WHEREAS, Philip P. Buffa, Jr. is a dedicated fireman who displays his patriotism by flying his American flag every day and has given 26 years of his life to help and protect the people of the District of Columbia.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Philip P. Buffa, Jr. Recognition and Appreciation Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Philip P. Buffa, Jr. for his inspiring service as a fireman with the D.C. Fire and Emergency Services Department.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 6, 2005

To recognize the 85th Anniversary of women in the United States winning the right to vote on August 26, 1920.

WHEREAS, our mothers and grandmothers, their families and friends pleaded and paraded, demonstrated in sun and rain, on Washington's streets and in its city jail, lobbied legislators and the then President to secure the right to vote;

WHEREAS, women in addition to managing hearth and home often are paid work in aerospace, banks, business, government, law, foreign policy, health, research, transportation as well as in traditional careers of nursing and teaching;

WHEREAS, in the District of Columbia there are some 242, 000 women in a total estimated population of 435,00 persons over 18 years of age, and more than half of the registered women voted in the 2002 election; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia is a woman and there are three who are Councilmembers.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "85th Anniversary of Women in the United States Winning the Right to Vote Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the women of the District of Columbia and through out the United States on the occasion of the 85th Anniversary of women in the United States winning the right to vote and for the valuable contribution women have made to the electoral process.

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

July 6, 2005

To recognize and honor the 90th Anniversary of the routing of the Lincoln Highway through the District of Columbia, and to declare July 27, 2005 as "Lincoln Highway Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Highway was the nation's first transcontinental highway from New York to San Francisco, established by the "Proclamation of Route" and issued by The Lincoln Highway Association of Detroit, Michigan on September 10, 1913;

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Highway was built in honor of President Abraham Lincoln as a "Perpetual Memorial" and "Road of Character" binding the Nation together in his Spirit, to be perpetuated by the energies of future generations as a "Labor of Love" as "mankind continues its march toward perfection;

WHEREAS, 90 years ago on July 27, 1915, the Lincoln Highway was officially routed through the nation's capital making the Lincoln Highway a true national highway binding together North and South, making the Mason-Dixon Line a thing of the past;

WHEREAS, this historic routing was made possible through the combined efforts of the District of Columbia Board of Commissioners, the Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Trade, U.S. Senator Blair Lee, and President Woodrow Wilson;

WHEREAS, Colonel Robert N. Harper, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Lincoln Highway Feeder Committee, provided extraordinary vision and leadership in the development of Washington and was the driving force behind all matters concerning the Lincoln Highway; and

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WHEREAS, the Lincoln Highway entered the District from Baltimore via Bladensburg Road and Maryland Avenue, past the Capitol on B Street, down First Street, up Pennsylvania Avenue past the White House, down 17th Street and around the Lincoln Memorial, then back up 17th and 16th to Scott Circle, Massachusetts Avenue and Wisconsin Avenue to Gettysburg;

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Highway played a significant role in the development of Washington, D.C., and was the catalyst for "The National Capital Prepared", the first comprehensive film ever made in Washington, featuring local business & municipal officials, President Wilson, his cabinet, and many Members of Congress as well as all the city's attractions, including the highlight of the film which captured the Fire Department responding to a large blaze; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Highway was also the catalyst for the Zero Milestone dedicated as the Nation's "Golden Milestone" and starting point of the Nation's Highway System on the North side of the ellipse in front of the White House at the start of the First Army Transcontinental Motor Transport Convoy that traveled across the continent from Washington D.C., to San Francisco via the Lincoln Highway in 1919.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Lincoln Highway Day Declaration Resolution of 2005".

Sec.2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the significance of the Lincoln Highway and declares July 27, 2005 as "The Lincoln Highway Day" in the District of Columbia celebrating the 90th Anniversary of this historic event.

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

July 6, 2005

To honor Lola Nixon Cheltenham on the occasion of her 75th Birthday and for lifelong dedicated service in missionary for the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Lola Nixon Cheltenham was born in Pittsburg, Texas and accepted the Lord with baptism at an early age;

WHEREAS, Lola Nixon Cheltenham has been active for over 50 years in the missionary work of the African Methodist Episcopal Church;

WHEREAS, Lola Nixon Cheltenham has been married for 30 years to a minister in the African American Episcopal Church;

WHEREAS, Lola Nixon Cheltenham in 1992 became a Life Member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Women's Missionary Society and was consecrated a Mother in the 18th Episcopal District in Swaziland, South Africa;

WHEREAS, Lola Nixon Cheltenham is a member of the Ethel G. Prioleau Women's Missionary Society at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Los Angeles, California;

WHEREAS, Lola Nixon Cheltenham has served on the local level of the Women's Missionary Society as a church steward and Director for the Young People's Department;

WHEREAS, Lola Nixon Cheltenham has held numerous positions in the African Methodist Episcopal Church which include 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Recording Secretary for the Conference Branch Level Women's Missionary Society, Area YPD Director and Area Chairperson, 2nd Vice President for the District Level Women's Missionary Society and Fifth Episcopal District President; and

WHEREAS, Lola Nixon Cheltenham currently serves as the office manager for the Connectional Women's Missionary Society headquartered in Washington, D.C.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Lola Nixon Cheltenham 75th Birthday Recognition Resolution Act of 2005".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Lola Nixon Cheltenham on the occasion of her 75th Birthday on July 15, 2005 and for outstanding missionary work in the African Methodist Episcopal Church to improve the quality of life in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor Damu Smith for a life that is a testimony of commitment to social justice and human rights, extending over more than 30 years.

WHEREAS, in March, while traveling in Palestine on a peace mission, Damu Smith collapsed, was hospitalized and diagnosed with stage four colorectal cancer that has already metastasized to his liver;

WHEREAS, Damu is currently Executive Director of the National Black Environmental Justice Network, that organization is small and grant-funded, and cannot afford to provide him health insurance;

WHEREAS, although Damu fought for affordable health care for all Americans, he finds himself like increasing numbers of Americans: sick, without health insurance and unable to work;

WHEREAS, as Damu has often pointed out, African Americans are at higher risk for being afflicted with heart disease, hypertensive disease and cancer than others, and less likely to be able to afford health insurance; therefore, the Spirit of Hope Campaign was organized by friends of Damu Smith to fund his rapidly rising health care costs and family expenses;

WHEREAS, an audience of 1,500 will gather in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, July 9, 2005 at Crampton Auditorium on the campus of Howard University to pay tribute to a long time passionate and tireless human rights, environmental justice and peace activist, community leader, and prolific grassroots organizer, Damu Smith. Co-sponsored by the Spirit of Hope Campaign and Howard University's Center for Urban Progress, the event will be hosted by Danny Glover and will feature an impressive lineup of nationally recognized and local talent;

WHEREAS, the day of tribute will feature a wellness health fair and a nationally broadcast community forum on racial disparities in health care, the need for universal health coverage, and other issues of systemic health justice;

WHEREAS, Damu Smith is a longtime passionate and tireless human rights,

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environmental peace and justice activist, as well as a public speaker, community leader, and prolific grassroots organizer;

WHEREAS, his activism has included vigilance in the fight against apartheid in South Africa as Executive Director of the Washington Office on Africa and co-founder of Artists for a Free South Africa;

WHEREAS, Damu has worked to expose gun violence, police brutality and government injustice through his work with the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice, the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, the National Wilmington 10 Defense Committee, and the National Black Independent Political Party;

WHEREAS, among the accomplishments of which Damu says he is most proud, is his work supporting grassroots organizations fighting industrial pollution in the southern states, in particular, in Louisiana, Georgia and Mississippi, those efforts resulted in exposing and correcting toxic poisoning, chemical dumping and efforts that other corporate practices that are destroying the environment and poisoning the health and lives of mostly poor and African American communities;

WHEREAS, after traveling on a Greenpeace toxic sites tour Damu organized, visiting neighborhoods built on toxic waste and in close proximity to oil refineries and other plants polluting air and water, artist and activist Mike Farrell (star of the hit TV show MASH) remarked, *"It is gratifying when people [like Damu] are willing to stand up against the corporate giants, to dedicate their time, talent and energy, and in some cases their lives, to the fight against the damage done by mindless greed. Damu's concern for the welfare of the poor, the pain of the victimized and the insult to the land...is both inspiring and humbling"*; and

WHEREAS, Damu Smith's recent advocacy for peace and environmental justice led to his founding the group *Black Voices for Peace* and to the formation of *National Black Environmental Justice Network*, the first ever national network of Black environmental justice activists. Currently, he is executive director of that organization.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the work of Damu Smith for the betterment of his fellow citizens throughout the world.

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

July 6, 2005

To recognize Helen VerStandig in celebration of her life and legacy, and declare July 9, 2005 as "Helen VerStandig Day."

WHEREAS, when Warren G. Harding was President of the United States of America, and when the District Building had been open for less than 12 years, there was born on "seven eleven"--July 11, 1920 one Helen Van Stondig;

WHEREAS, she would later be known, more widely, as Madame Wellington, the purveyor of zircon jewelry under the name of Wellington Jewelry (1966-1996);

WHEREAS, she would also become Helen VerStandig, due to her marriage to M. Belmont VerStandig, with whom she would have two children, John and Joan, who in turn would provide her with five grandchildren, Mac, Josh, Scott, Carly, and Marnie;

WHEREAS, her achievements are remarkable, not only for jewelry interests, but for other business enterprises including public relations and communications, broadcasting and investments;

WHEREAS, she has been honored by Whitman-Walker Clinic as "Friend for Life", Wharton School Alumni, Food & Friends, and other not-for-profit endeavors;

WHEREAS, there is no one in her wide acquaintance who cannot say they had a good time in her presence; and

WHEREAS, this is a truly remarkable human being who for 85 years has positively touched the lives of thousands with friendship and love.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the work and accomplishments of Helen VerStandig and her contributions to the citizens of the District of Columbia; and declares July 9, 2005 as "Helen VerStandig Day" in the District of Columbia, in honor of her successful 85 years adding to the greatness of 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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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

16-110

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 6, 2005

To recognize and honor the life of Senator Gaylord Nelson.

WHEREAS, former Governor and United States Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-Wisc.), through his work to establish Earth Day on April 22, 1970, was considered the father of the modern environmental movement;

WHEREAS, Gaylord Nelson was born on June 4, 1916 in Clear Lake, Wisconsin to parents rooted in local civic activities and soon became accustomed to discussions about local, state and national politics;

WHEREAS, Gaylord Nelson began his lifelong crusade for environmental issues at age 14 when he organized an ultimately unsuccessful campaign to have trees planted along the roadways leading to his hometown;

WHEREAS, Gaylord Nelson graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1934, from San Jose College in California in 1939 and the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1942;

WHEREAS, Gaylord Nelson served in the United States Army for 4 years, seeing action in the Okinawa campaign;

WHEREAS, Gaylord Nelson married Carrie Lee Dotson in 1947 and had 3 children, sons Gaylord, Jr. and Jeffrey and daughter Tia;

WHEREAS, Gaylord Nelson was elected Governor of Wisconsin in 1958 and served 2 terms;

WHEREAS, As Governor, Gaylord Nelson won legislative approval in 1961 of a 10-year plan to finance the state's acquisition of parks and wetlands through a one-cent-per-pack cigarette tax, and the "Outdoor Resources Action Program" ultimately provided recreation areas throughout the State for use as wildlife refuges and public parks;

WHEREAS, Gaylord Nelson was elected to the United States Senate in 1962, where he would go on to serve for 18 years, and gained an appointment to the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee where he pursued his environmental interests;

WHEREAS, Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970 set forth on an ambitious environmental agenda consisting of 11 items, many of which were accomplished;

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WHEREAS, Senator Gaylord Nelson created and held the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, saying, "Our goal is an environment of decency, quality, and mutual respect for all other human creatures and for all living creatures...The battle to restore a proper relationship between man and his environment, between man and other living creatures will require a long, sustained, political, moral, ethical, and financial commitment—far beyond any effort made before";

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Senate, Senator Gaylord Nelson sponsored legislation to preserve the Appalachian Trail, and introduced bills that became part of the Clean Air Act, the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act, the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act, the Water Quality Act, and the National Lakes Preservation Act;

WHEREAS Gaylord Nelson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1995 by President Bill Clinton; and

WHEREAS Gaylord Nelson passed away on July 3, 2005 at his home in Kensington, MD and is survived by his wife of 58 years, his three children and four grandchildren.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Senator Gaylord Nelson Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors the achievements and life of Senator Gaylord Nelson.

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