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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 11, 2005

To recognize, honor, and observe the 25th Anniversary of the founding of Martha's Table, located in the Shaw/Columbia Heights Community at 2114 14th Street and to declare September 20, 2005 as "Martha's Table's Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Martha's Table serves the needs of the less fortunate in our Washington, D.C. community with food, learning, healthy living, recreational, and family support services and by mobilizing, training, and teaching volunteers;

WHEREAS, Martha's Table provides tutorial, educational, and recreational programs throughout the year for approximately 300 at-risk children, ages 3 months to 18 years, in the Shaw and Columbia Heights neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, its McKenna's Wagons feed the homeless at numerous sites throughout the city, 365 days a year, via the mobile soup kitchen, meals for seniors, and on-site food at the building on 14th Street;

WHEREAS, Martha's Table further supports the people of Washington, D.C., with its family support services, including Martha's Outfitters, a clothing distribution center, the laundry facility, and information and referrals about other community and government services;

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes and commends the many volunteers and staff at Martha's Table for their dedicated work to help homeless and low income children, families and individuals in the District of Columbia over the past twenty five years;

WHEREAS, the many services offered by Martha's Table represent a true commitment to improve the lives and welfare of residents of the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Martha's Table Recognition Resolution of 2005".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors and observes the 25th Anniversary of the founding of Martha's Table and its ongoing role in helping low income families and individuals with nutritious meals, learning and literacy activities in a safe environment, and declares September 20, 2005 as "Martha's Table Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize Earlena Evans Vance on her 100th birthday, and to declare October 15, 2005, "Earlena Evans Vance Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Earlena Evans was born October 15, 1905, in Bryan, Texas;

WHEREAS, Earlena Evans Vance raised a son in the District of Columbia, and James Conrad Vance is now 76 years old;

WHEREAS, Earlena Evans Vance had a long career as a statistician for the United States Department of Defense;

WHEREAS, Earlena Evans Vance has performed many decades of community service in the form of voter registration and serving food to the hungry;

WHEREAS, Earlena Evans Vance has lived in the District of Columbia for more than 70 years;

WHEREAS, Earlena Evans Vance has been a member and officer of the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church in the District of Columbia for more than 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Earlena Evans Vance has lived in the 500 block of Irving Street in Ward One of the District of Columbia for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, friends and relatives of Earlena Evans Vance gathered on October 16, 2005 to celebrate the beginning of her second century.

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

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the life of Earlena Evans Vance and her contributions to the citizens of the District of Columbia; and declares October 15, 2005 as "Earlena Evans Vance Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and commend Judge Matthew S. Watson for his dedicated commitment to family and government service in the District of Columbia while serving for six years as an Administrative Judge on the District of Columbia Contract Appeals Board; two years as a Member of the District of Columbia Tax Revision Commission; five years as a Director of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, six years as the District of Columbia Auditor; one year as Acting General Counsel of the District of Columbia Board of Elections; and two years as Co-Chair of the District of Columbia Bar Association's D.C. Affairs Section.

WHEREAS, Matthew S. Watson has shown outstanding leadership in promoting the common good for all citizens of the District of Columbia for over forty years;

WHEREAS, Matthew S. Watson and his accomplished wife, Marjorie Watson, who recently celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary, are justifiably proud of their two sons, Gregory and Jonathan, and their 2 grandchildren, Alexander and Hannah;

WHEREAS, Matthew S. Watson attended Johns Hopkins University (B.A., M.A. 1962), London School of Economics, New York University (LL.B., 1965), George Washington University (LL.M., Government Procurement Law, 1967), and has been a member of the District of Columbia Bar who has faithfully served the legal community since 1966;

WHEREAS, Matthew S. Watson has untiringly contributed to the civic life of Washington, D.C., serving as a Member of the Boards of Directors of the District of Columbia Jewish Community Center, ACLU/NUA, Consumer Health Foundation, and Committee of 100 on the Federal City;

WHEREAS, Matthew S. Watson served commendably as Acting General Counsel of the District of Columbia Board of Elections in 1974;

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WHEREAS, Matthew S. Watson served with dedication and integrity as District of Columbia Auditor from 1975 to 1981;

WHEREAS, Matthew S. Watson served with distinction as a Director of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority from 1987 to 1992, and recently as a member of the WMATA Funding Panel;

WHEREAS, Matthew S. Watson served as a most valued member of the District of Columbia Tax Revision Commission from 1996 to 1998;

WHEREAS, Matthew S. Watson demonstrated professional leadership by serving as Co-Chair of the District of Columbia Bar Association's D.C. Affairs Section;

WHEREAS, Matthew S. Watson was appointed an Administrative Judge of the District of Columbia Contract Appeals Board on August 1, 1999;

WHEREAS, Judge Matthew S. Watson exhibited an uncompromising commitment to serve the District of Columbia with dignity and genuine respect for the law he was charged to administer;

WHEREAS, Judge Matthew S. Watson continuously demonstrated integrity, a strong sense of justice, and an insightful grasp of the complex matters that came before the Board; and

WHEREAS, Matthew S. Watson retired as an Administrative Judge of the District of Columbia Contract Appeals Board on September 3, 2005, after a distinguished career of generously serving the citizens of the District of Columbia.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends Matthew S. Watson for his outstanding dedication and devotion to serving the citizens of the District of Columbia and the District of Columbia Government.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor the East of the River Clergy, Police, Community Partnership in conjunction with its Fifth Year Anniversary Celebration on October 5, 2005.

WHEREAS, the East of the River Clergy, Police, Community Partnership ("ERCPCP") was formulated as a result of the Reverend Anthony J. Motley and Chief Charles Ramsey discussing strategies on methods to address homicide among the youth in the community east of the Anacostia River in Washington, D.C. in 1999;

WHEREAS, the East of the River Clergy, Police, Community Partnership has grown and developed from 3 employees to 20 employees under the leadership of the Reverend Donald Isaac;

WHEREAS, the East of the River Clergy, Police, Community Partnership utilizes highly recognized concepts and techniques based on the "Boston Model" to develop holistic approaches to homicide, violent crime and the accompanying social ills;

WHEREAS, the East of the River Clergy, Police, Community Partnership has been instrumental in reducing the incidents of young peoples involvement with crime, violence and drugs, increased educational and vocational achievement among youth;

WHEREAS, the East of the River Clergy, Police, Community Partnership a mobilizes the faith based community, law enforcement, community organizations, parents, governmental agencies, youth and other pertinent entities to focus on initiatives to address youth crime and violence;

WHEREAS, the East of the River Clergy, Police, Community Partnership now serves a model for other wards and quadrants in the District of Columbia and vicinity to seeking to address these issues in their area; and

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WHEREAS, the East of the River Clergy, Police, Community Partnership is celebrating its 5th Year Anniversary on October 5, 2005.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "East of the River Clergy, Police, Community Partnership Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the East of the River Clergy, Police, Community Partnership on the occasion of its 5th Year Anniversary Celebration 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

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To posthumously honor and recognize Ms. Estella L. Carroll for her commitment and dedication to Washington, D.C., and the Brookland/Turkey Thicket community.

WHEREAS, Estella L. Carroll was born in Washington, D.C., on January 6, 1935 the second of 10 children born to Mildred L. Owens and Nathan B. Owens;

WHEREAS, Estella L. Carroll attended MM Washington Senior High School in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Estella L. Carroll married Harold William Carroll Sr., on December 21, 1955 in Washington, D.C., and is the mother of 8 children;

WHEREAS, Estella L. Carroll volunteered within the District of Columbia public school system;

WHEREAS, Estella L. Carroll served on the Montana Terrace Tenants Council, where parents organized to independently manage their community;

WHEREAS, Estella L. Carroll volunteered with the Department of Parks and Recreation and she served as the president of the Turkey Thicket Parents Club, where she advocated for programs and services for youth and families of the Brookland community;

WHEREAS, Estella L. Carroll, a dedicated grandmother, returned to the University of the District of Columbia in 1986 while raising her 2 granddaughters;

WHEREAS, Estella L. Carroll retired in 2002 from the Supplemental Food Program after 27 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Estella L. Carroll departed this life April 19, 2004 after years of dedicated service on behalf of residents in her community.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Estella L. Carroll Posthumous Community Service Recognition Resolution of 2005".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes, posthumously recognizes Estella L. Carroll for her dedication and commitment to community service, the public school system, and her eagerness to help build a recreation center that truly served the needs of the community.

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

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To recognize and honor the Hospitals in the District of Columbia and declare November 17, 2005 as "Hospital Appreciation Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Hospitals in the District of Columbia, their leaders and employees, are dedicated to their missions to serve their communities, especially the most vulnerable among them.

WHEREAS, Hospitals of the District of Columbia and their employees always respond with professionalism, heroism and compassion in caring for all in need of medical assistance,

WHEREAS, Hospitals of the District of Columbia continue to provide an annual average of over \$150 million in comprehensive health care to the uninsured and individuals who have no ability to pay for their care, and

WHEREAS, Leaders of hospitals and many of their more than 25,000 employees in the District of Columbia share their time and expertise by serving on numerous city-wide and neighborhood committees, task forces and organizations to improve the health care delivery system and provide a wealth of community outreach programs.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and salutes the Hospitals of the District of Columbia for their many contributions and services to their communities and to our society, and declares November 17, 2005 as "Hospital Appreciation Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor Robert L. York, Jr., on the occasion of his leaving his position in the Whitman-Walker Clinic, for his service to the District of Columbia's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community, for tirelessly promoting an expanded sense of community in the District of Columbia, and to declare February 20, 2006, as "Robert L. York, Jr., Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Robert L. York, Jr., was the Director of the annual Capital Pride Parade and Capital Pride Festival from 1999 to 2005, and the director of AIDS Walk Washington from 2004 to 2005;

WHEREAS, due largely to Robert L. York, Jr.'s role in securing corporate sponsors, booking entertainers, managing the planning committee, working with local officials, and navigating events regulations, Capital Pride became one of the premier Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender ("GLBT") pride events in the country, and the largest one-day festival in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Robert L. York, Jr., worked diligently to honor the participation in Capital Pride of all sectors of the GLBT community;

WHEREAS, Robert L. York, Jr., promoted honest dialogue and mutual appreciation among all District residents by including among Capital Pride events a town hall meeting featuring GLBT leaders;

WHEREAS, Robert L. York, Jr.'s tremendous energy and enthusiasm for Capital Pride served as an inspiration for volunteers and staff to do their jobs with greater pride and devotion;

WHEREAS, Robert L. York, Jr.'s service to the District goes well beyond Capital Pride to include service on the Board of Directors of Team DC and service as a member of the District of Columbia Mayor Williams Executive Council for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender

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Affairs; the D.C. Convention and Tourism Corporation, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Advisory Committee; and D.C. Police Chief Charles Ramsey's Committee for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs;

WHEREAS, Robert L. York, Jr.'s service to the GLBT community goes well beyond the District of Columbia to include service on, among other national and international organizations, the Board of Governors of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest GLBT organization in the country; and

WHEREAS, Robert L. York, Jr.'s next birthday is February 20, 2006.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Robert L. York, Jr., Day Declaration Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the work and accomplishments of Robert York, and his contributions to the citizens of the District of Columbia; and declares February 20, 2006 as "Robert L. York, Jr., 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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To recognize Meditate DC for its support of the international conference Mind and Life XIII: Investigating the Mind 2005: The Science and Clinical Applications of Meditation, and the promotion of meditative processes for rehabilitation, stress reduction and healing.

WHEREAS, a coalition of local organizations has organized Meditate DC, a week long series of events to celebrate the benefits of meditation and contemplative practices in the Washington, DC area;

WHEREAS, Mind and Life XIII: Investigating the Mind 2005: The Science and Clinical Applications of Meditation, will be held at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. November 8-10, attended by eminent scientists, the Dalai Lama, physicians, psychologists, health professionals, leading meditation practitioners and others;

WHEREAS, this international conference, cosponsored by Georgetown University Medical Center, the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the Mind and Life Institute, marks a significant milestone in the scientific documentation of the use of meditative practices to promote rehabilitation, healing, overall health, and well-being;

WHEREAS, on November 12, the Dalai Lama will address more than 30,000 members of the Society for Neuroscience, the world's largest organization of scientists and physicians dedicated to understanding the brain, at their annual meeting in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, the co-sponsors of Meditate DC have united to host this week of events to coincide with these conferences to increase awareness of the ongoing healing resources of meditation and contemplative practices available throughout the Washington area, from both spiritual and secular traditions; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Faith Conference of Metropolitan Washington and others will involve participants from all faith traditions in the week's activities.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia, congratulates the members of Meditate DC for their national recognition in this endeavor. The Council of the District of Columbia urges all District residents to learn the practice of meditation.

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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 and 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 2005".

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. The Council of the District of Columbia 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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To recognize Beatrice Davis-Williams as an outstanding dance instructor and for many years of dedicated service that introduced youth to the performing and cultural arts in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Beatrice Davis-Williams is the founder, owner and director of the Davis Center that has operated since 1969 in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, Beatrice Davis-Williams has offered training at the Davis Center in classical and contemporary dance forms for youth from 2 to 17 years of age;

WHEREAS, Beatrice Davis-Williams has touched the lives of thousands of children during her 36 years of directing the Davis Center and cultivated in students a strong appreciation of the arts;

WHEREAS, Beatrice Davis-Williams has awarded scholarships to encourage students to pursue dance training;

WHEREAS, Beatrice Davis-Williams has expanded the exposure of students at the Davis Center to include all the major arts venues in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Beatrice Davis-Williams has within the Davis Center program activities a regular component about artists who have made contributions to dance;

WHEREAS, Beatrice Davis-Williams has trained students to master dance and to excel in all endeavors from proper etiquette to community service;

WHEREAS, Beatrice Davis-Williams conducts a professional quality biennial dance recital that provides students an opportunity to showcase their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice Davis-Williams through the Davis Center has brought the arts into the community so that residents of the District of Columbia could experience the positive influence of dance in the lives of youth.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Beatrice Davis-Williams Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Beatrice Davis-Williams for unselfish service and commitment to 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

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To recognize the Reverend Dr. Morris L Shearin, Sr., for his distinguished career as a religious leader whose community advocacy has advanced the moral cause for equality and fairness to improve the quality of life for residents in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. is a longtime resident and the well-known pastor of Israel Baptist Church in Ward Five;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. was born in Northampton County, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy and Religion and a Master of Divinity Degree from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. in May, 1981 earned a Doctorate of Ministry Degree from Howard University School of Divinity in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. is a member of the Theological Alumni Associations at Shaw University and Howard University;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. is an officer or member for numerous boards of directors that include the Washington, DC Branch of the N.A.A.C.P.; the Mayor's Inter-Faith Council; Bread for the World, Stoddard Baptist Home and the Washington, DC Baptist Convention and Vicinity;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. has been recognized by Councilmember Orange for outstanding leadership in the Ward Five community;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr., is the recipient of many other awards and citations from religious and civic affiliations in North Carolina and throughout the metropolitan region of Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. received the 2005 Outstanding Citizen Award from the Metropolitan Washington Council AFL-CIO for his dedication to promoting the rights and welfare of workers and their families;

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WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. is married and the father of two adult children and grandparent of two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. has been the able shepherd of his church and works tirelessly on behalf of residents in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr. Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Reverend Dr. Morris L. Shearin, Sr., for unselfish service and commitment to 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

October 11, 2005

To recognize the Washington, D.C. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Partnership as an essential advisor in the education and development of an information technology workforce in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement reported the decline of American student performance in the United States in math and science between the 4th and 12th grades when compared to other countries;

WHEREAS, the President of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, cites the need for an educated information technology ("IT") workforce with modern skills as a result of current retrenchment experiences in the industry;

WHEREAS, IT workforce development needs have been documented by various independent sources such as the IT consulting firm META Group, which indicates despite layoffs identified in a survey of 500 large American companies, an estimated 600,000 jobs for IT workers in the United States have gone unfilled;

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Public Administration, projects that the federal government is expected to increase its IT force by 20% over the next 7 years because half of its current employees will be eligible for retirement next year in 2006;

WHEREAS the United States Department of Labor notes that by the year 2008 jobs requiring technical degrees are projected to grow by 51% in comparison to 12% for job growth overall;

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Sciences recognizes a need to address the state of education and workforce competence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics ("STEM") in the United States;

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the District of Columbia Public Schools ("DCPS")

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and the District of Columbia Board of Education acknowledge that student and teacher performance in STEM disciplines within DCPS could benefit from systemic improvements and have identified science, mathematics, and technology as essential components of the DCPS Declaration of Education;

WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (“NASA”) supports the replication and expansion of its NASA Explorer School (“NES”) models of STEM education across the country through the establishment of state coalitions of educators, policy makers, and civic and business leaders;

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (“WDC-STEM Partnership”) is the state coalition for STEM education in the District of Columbia with support from a NES Sustainability Grant from the National Alliance of State Science and Mathematics Coalitions;

WHEREAS, NASA embraces the work of the WDC-STEM Partnership and provides technical assistance support with the development of its state coalition activities;

WHEREAS, WDC-STEM Partnership is a unique alliance of educators, parents, and public policy, corporate, and civic leaders working together to promote the enhancement and effectiveness of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education in the District of Columbia for all students and faculty from pre-kindergarten to post-secondary settings;

WHEREAS, NASA has embraced Anne Beers Elementary School and designated the school as a NASA Explorer School, and as a Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Aerospace Academy sub-site for the NASA Glenn Research Center and the University of the District of Columbia Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Aerospace Academy’s work to form a standards-based instruction program taught in an after-school environment;

WHEREAS, the strategic focus of WDC-STEM Partnership is to support the Anne Beers Elementary NASA Explorer School program and to replicate the model in classes from pre-kindergarten through high school as part of an International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement Program sponsored by DCPS as its primary strategy to sustain the NES work and create pathways for the next generation of STEM scholars;

WHEREAS, the WDC-STEM Partnership will sponsor on Saturday, October 22, 2005, the 1st annual STEM summit at Kelly Miller Middle School to mobilize a large cross section of stakeholders to introduce the pressing importance of STEM education, demonstrate model STEM teaching and learning, stimulate interest, and determine stakeholder needs for support from the WDC-STEM Partnership; and

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WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Board of Education and DCPS could benefit from knowledge and technology transfer opportunities that are emerging as a result of the WDC-STEM Partnership;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "WDC-STEM Partnership Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the importance of the WDC-STEM Partnership as an essential stakeholder and independent advisor on relevant STEM educational reform issues in the District.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 11, 2005

To recognize and encourage support for the contributions and skills of workers in the District of Columbia with disabilities, to recognize the Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities, and to declare the month of October as Disability Employment Awareness Month in the District of Columbia

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, by joint resolution approved August 11, 1945 (36 U.S.C. 121), has designated October of each year as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and has invited local governments to take part in annual recognition activities;

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 District of Columbia residents are persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS, employment is key to helping District of Columbia residents with disabilities achieve social and economic independence;

WHEREAS, to continue the District of Columbia leadership and competitiveness in the marketplace, employers need to maximize the talents of all workers, including individuals with disabilities;

WHEREAS, to sustain the District of Columbia's economic growth, all residents must be able to participate fully as taxpayers and consumers;

WHEREAS, persons with disabilities have demonstrated excellence in the workplace and are eager for opportunities to contribute their skills to District of Columbia employers;

WHEREAS, a new generation of young people with disabilities is preparing to enter the workforce in the District of Columbia, and these youth should have the opportunity to discover their leadership abilities, develop their skills through work experience, and benefit from mentoring opportunities;

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WHEREAS, although the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 has removed many barriers, youth and adults with disabilities continue to face significant attitudinal, physical, and systemic obstacles to realizing their potential in the workforce;

WHEREAS, Disability Employment Awareness Month provides an opportunity for District of Columbia employers, government, civic associations, and residents to recognize and support the contributions and skills of youth and adults with disabilities in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities was established by Mayor's Order 88-845 to act as an advocate for all persons with disabilities and families of persons with disabilities through a range of activities including the observance of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and encourages support for the contributions and skills of workers in the District with disabilities, recognizes the Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities and its members for the work that they do in support of residents living with disabilities, and declares the month of October each year as "Disability Employment Awareness 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.