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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 6, 2005

To recognize and honor the Olender Foundation Awardees for 2006 for their dedicated service to the community, and to declare December 7, 2005 as "Olender Foundation Awardees Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, for more than a decade, the Olender Foundation has recognized and honored citizens of the District of Columbia and the world for their dedicated, heroic and meritorious service;

WHEREAS, the Olender Foundation Awardees for 2006 have been selected;

WHEREAS, Joshua Basile has been selected by the Olender Foundation as the recipient of the America's Role Model 2006 Award;

WHEREAS, Warren Juggins has been selected by the Olender Foundation as the recipient of the Unsung Hero Award;

WHEREAS, Congressman John Lewis has been selected by the Olender Foundation as the recipient of the Advocate for Justice 2006 Award; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Annice Wagner has been selected by the Olender Foundation as the recipient of the Hero in Law 2006 Award.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Olender Foundation Awardees for 2006 Day Declaration Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, salutes and congratulates the Olender Foundation Awardees for the valuable contribution they have made to the District of Columbia, and declares December 7, 2005 as "Olender Foundation Awardees Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 6, 2005

To recognize and honor the Morgan State University Choir for its recognition by *Readers Digest* as the best college choir in America and on its 2nd annual concert at the Metropolitan Baptist Church located at 1225 R Street, N.W., in Washington, D.C., to benefit the Washington DC Area Morgan State University Alumni Association scholarship fund.

WHEREAS, Morgan State University is one of America's great Historically Black Colleges and Universities;

WHEREAS, the Morgan State University Choir is recognized as one of the nation's most prestigious university choral ensembles;

WHEREAS, the Morgan State University Choir was named by *Readers Digest* magazine as America's "Best College Choir" in 2004;

WHEREAS, the Morgan State University Choir has performed in Europe, South Africa, Russia and at the White House with the finest European and American orchestras;

WHEREAS, the Morgan State Choir has performed with the National Symphony Orchestra under Leonard Slatkin in Hannibal Lokumbe's "African Queen", performed and recorded with Daniel Barenboim and the Chicago Symphony and performed the critically acclaimed "Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert" with the Concordia Orchestra at New York's Lincoln Center;

WHEREAS, the Morgan State University's Choir concert covered by Maryland Public Television ("MPT") won three Emmy's for MPT and, as a fundraiser, it netted MPT more in one night's telethon than the "Three Tenors" concert;

WHEREAS, approximately 1,600 students from the Washington Metropolitan Area including 120 from the District of Columbia are a part of the 6,800 member Morgan State student body; and

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WHEREAS, District of Columbia high school choirs like Eastern, Duke Ellington, Archbishop Carroll and others have former students who sing or have sung with the Morgan State University Choir.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Morgan State University Choir Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Morgan State University, the Morgan State University Choir and its director Dr. Eric Conway for its continued commitment to excellence and the outstanding academic and musical education and training it provides its students.

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 Neil Albert for a distinguished career as an employee of the Government of the District of Columbia and for dedicated service with proven outcomes in senior management positions as former Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and as Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth, Families and Elders.

WHEREAS, Neil Albert in 1999, joined the staff in the Department of Parks and Recreation;

WHEREAS, Neil Albert in April, 2001 became the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation;

WHEREAS, Neil Albert as the agency director revamped the internal infrastructure, which resulted in higher staff performances and quality programs and services;

WHEREAS, Neil Albert was responsible for the agency's national accreditation of all its parks, recreation and day care centers;

WHEREAS, Neil Albert established Green Spaces for DC as a nonprofit, open-space partnership program for the District government;

WHEREAS, Neil Albert managed the replacement and repair of all municipal playgrounds to comply with consumer product safety standards;

WHEREAS, Neil Albert provided leadership to transform Watts Branch Park, one of the longest owned city parks from its previous condition of neglect and decay into a valuable site that is appreciated by residents from the surrounding community;

WHEREAS, Neil Albert was responsible for the largest capital improvement fund in the history of the Department of Parks and Recreation;

WHEREAS, Neil Albert implemented construction of 20 new recreation centers in the District of Columbia;

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WHEREAS, Neil Albert as Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth, Families and Elders increased inter-agency collaboration among the health and human service agencies under his administration;

WHEREAS, Neil Albert spearheaded development of the government's youth development strategy;

WHEREAS, Neil Albert secured funding to implement the administration's plan to end chronic homelessness;

WHEREAS, Neil Albert worked with child advocates and other stakeholders to increase funding for early childhood development programs;

WHEREAS, Neil Albert, as a member of the Sports and Entertainment Commission worked to improve neighborhood recreation and sports programs;

WHEREAS, Neil Albert is married and the father of one daughter; and

WHEREAS, Neil Albert gained the respect and admiration of members in the legislative and executive branches of local government as a professional and committed administrator who delivered quality services to residents in the District of Columbia.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Neil Albert for distinguished 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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To recognize Sue Barnes for her untiring efforts to portray senior citizens in a positive image through athletic competition and the zeal for victory with stamina and perseverance that is complemented by the highest personal regard for community involvement and good citizenship in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Sue Barnes is one of the most respected members in the Ward Five community;

WHEREAS, Sue Barnes is widely recognized for her athletic abilities and winning record in track and field;

WHEREAS, Sue Barnes has won 6 World Championship Medals in her age group;

WHEREAS, Sue Barnes in 2005 represented the District of Columbia as a finalist in the National Senior Games, held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and in the World Master Athletics Championship, which was held in Donostia - San Sebastian, Spain;

WHEREAS, Sue Barnes has an outstanding record of community involvement and has volunteered for many community events sponsored by Councilmember Orange;

WHEREAS, Sue Barnes has gained local and international prominence as part of American exhibitions in Washington, D.C., and Accra, Ghana;

WHEREAS, Sue Barnes continues to be a loyal member of the Church of the Redeemer located in Ward Five; and

WHEREAS, Sue Barnes continually promotes healthy living and an active lifestyle for senior citizens.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Sue Barnes for her outstanding athletic abilities and commitment to community service in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 6, 2005

To recognize and honor Richard D. Bachman for his outstanding service to the students of the District of Columbia in conjunction with his retirement in 2005.

WHEREAS, Richard D. Bachman began his career with the District of Columbia Public Schools as a classroom gym teacher at the Jefferson Jr., High School;

WHEREAS, Richard D. Bachman has contributed over 30 years of dedicated service as an educator with the District of Columbia Public Schools;

WHEREAS, Richard D. Bachman has served as the acting Principal of Taft Junior High School;

WHEREAS, Richard D. Bachman has served as the acting principal of Coolidge Senior High School, Jefferson Junior High School, Shadd and Tyler Elementary Schools;

WHEREAS, Richard D. Bachman has served with distinction as an Administrator with the District of Columbia Public schools;

WHEREAS, Richard D. Bachman's leadership at the West Elementary School contributed to the school being honored as the No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School of 2003;

WHEREAS, Richard D. Bachman has served as the Principal of the West Elementary School from 1996 until retirement in 2005;

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

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Richard D. Bachman on the occasion of his retirement from the District of Columbia Public Schools and for the valuable contribution he has made to the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To salute, recognize and honor Luther Vandross for his lifetime of achievement in the music industry, and to declare November 19, 2005 as "Luther Vandross Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Luther Vandross was born in New York City and determined at age 13 to become a singer;

WHEREAS, Luther Vandross formed a vocal group in high school and went on to work with Listen My Brother, a theatre workshop that once appeared at the world famous Apollo Theatre in Harlem;

WHEREAS, Luther Vandross has won widespread recognition and acclaim, including Soul Train Awards, NAACP Image Awards, American Music Awards, Grammy Awards, and numerous platinum and double platinum albums;

WHEREAS, Luther Vandross has collaborated with many of the finest performers of this age and inspired countless other artists with his vocal styling, incredible voice and his willingness to help others; and

WHEREAS, Luther Vandross had reached the pinnacle of music stardom when he lost his battle with illness on July 1, 2005 at the age of 54.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Luther Vandross for the outstanding and the valuable contribution he has made to the world through his music and to the District of Columbia, and declares November 19, 2005 as "Luther Vandross Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 6, 2005

To recognize and honor the Shaw Community Food Committee's Sharing Blessings Program, under the leadership of Mr. Lawrence Thomas in conjunction with its 41st Anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Shaw Community Food Committee's Sharing Blessings program began with a resident of 9 ½ Street asking Mr. Lawrence Thomas for assistance with getting something to eat when the sparse meal she received from a service provider was inadequate;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawrence Thomas contacted Bishop Smallwood E. Williams, the Reverend Walter E. Fauntroy, Mr. X. L. Greer and others, to devise a means to address the food needs of the residents of the Shaw community;

WHEREAS, the Shaw Community Food Committee's Sharing Blessings program has grown from its humble beginnings to an organization that is supported by many local celebrities, businesses, elected officials, and community residents distributing hundreds of complete "Thanksgiving Baskets" to the families and the elderly in the Shaw and the Northwest One communities;

WHEREAS, the Shaw Community Food Committee's Sharing Blessings Program and Mr. Lawrence Thomas are currently in their 41st year of distributing Thanksgiving Baskets on Tuesday November 22, 2005, at the Bible Way Temple; and

WHEREAS, the Shaw Community Food Committee's Sharing Blessings Program and Mr. Lawrence Thomas have additionally sponsored a "Thanksgiving Dinner" for hundreds of residents annually at the Bible Way Temple.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Mr. Lawrence Thomas and the Shaw Community Food Committee's Sharing Blessings Program 41st Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Mr. Lawrence Thomas and the Shaw Community Food Committee's Sharing Blessings Program on the occasion of their 41st Anniversary and for the valuable contribution they have made to the Shaw community and the residents 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

December 6, 2005

To welcome His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet to the District of Columbia and to declare November 10, 2005, "His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet is a spiritual leader to millions of Buddhists throughout the world and the leader of the Tibetan people;

WHEREAS His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet has advanced the cause of world peace through adherence to the doctrines of nonviolence and universal responsibility;

WHEREAS His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet has persistently upheld the rights and dignity of all peoples, regardless of faith, race, or nationality;

WHEREAS His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet through his writings, teachings, public talks and travels, has furthered mutual understanding, respect, and unity among individuals and peoples; and

WHEREAS the Norwegian Nobel Committee has awarded His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize first and foremost for his consistent resistance to the use of violence in his people's struggle to regain their liberty.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia welcomes the Dalai Lama and his message of mutual understanding, respect and unity to the citizens of the District of Columbia; expresses support for his efforts to further just and honorable causes, in particular non-violence; and declares November 10 as "His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama of Tibet Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 6, 2005

To recognize and honor Mr. Alan Heymann on the occasion of his 30th birthday and to declare December 24, 2005 as "Alan Heymann Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Alan has been an active member of the Columbia Heights Neighborhood since becoming a member in 2001;

WHEREAS, Alan has been an active volunteer and made positive contributions to various DC voting rights organizations;

WHEREAS, Alan has made positive contributions to the Dennis Kucinich presidential campaign of 2003-2004 as a volunteer;

WHEREAS, Alan has contributed his time and energy to various animal rights and vegetarian causes nationally and in the DC area; and

WHEREAS, Alan has worked to positively contribute to the lives of Prince George's County and District of Columbia schoolchildren through various volunteer tutoring activities and the establishment of the Russell-Heymann Fund for Educational Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the quirky personalities traits of Alan are both an asset and a source of amusement to his family, friends, and colleagues.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Alan Heymann for reaching this wonderful hallmark while living in the District, and declares December 24, 2005 as "Alan Heymann Recognition Day" in 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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December 6, 2005

To recognize the work of Larry Ray, and to declare December 7, 2005, "Larry Ray Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Larry Ray has been a resident of the District of Columbia for more than 25 years;

WHEREAS, Larry Ray served on the Advisory Neighborhood Commission for Dupont Circle from 1989 to 2004;

WHEREAS, upon moving to Columbia Heights, Larry Ray immediately became active in the North Columbia Heights Civic Association and was recently elected to a second term as president of that organization;

WHEREAS, membership of the North Columbia Heights Civic Association has more than doubled since Larry Ray took office as president;

WHEREAS, the North Columbia Heights Civic Association, under the leadership of Larry Ray, has provided school uniforms free of charge to students of three nearby elementary schools;

WHEREAS, Larry Ray's neighborhood beautification efforts in Columbia Heights have even extended to planting vegetables in the sidewalks of 11th Street, Northwest;

WHEREAS, numerous directors of numerous District of Columbia government agencies have become intimately acquainted with Larry Ray's persistence and hard work; and

WHEREAS, the students of George Washington University Law School recently voted Larry Ray their favorite adjunct professor.

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

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the outstanding work of Larry Ray and his positive contributions to the residents and local businesses of the District of Columbia, and declares December 7, 2005 as "Larry Ray Day" in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 6, 2005

To recognize and honor Dr. Violeta Menjivar of the Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN) party, for her advocacy and commitment for democracy and social justice in El Salvador, and to declare December 2, 2005 as "Dr. Violeta Menjivar Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, we welcome and honor Dr. Violeta Menjivar's visit to the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Washington metropolitan area has become home to thousands of Salvadorans, who comprise the largest nationality of Latinos living in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Dr. Violeta Menjivar has served for more than eight years in the Legislative Assembly of El Salvador;

WHEREAS, Dr. Violeta Menjivar is most recognized for her dedication and advocacy for the working families of El Salvador in areas of public health, specifically HIV/AIDS preventative health;

WHEREAS, Dr. Violeta Menjivar is the author of a law that protects employees and their jobs, who are infected with HIV/AIDS;

WHEREAS, Dr. Violeta Menjivar has been advocating for social justice and democracy in El Salvador for its citizens for over 25 years;

WHEREAS, Salvadorans, living in the District of Columbia, maintain strong ties with their country of origin, its relatives, and its communities; and

WHEREAS, Salvadorans locally are interested in the strengthening of multi-party democracy in their country of origin.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds the work of Dr. Violeta Menjivar, and presents this resolution in recognition of Dr. Violeta Menjivar's contributions to democracy and social justice in El Salvador, and declares December 2, 2005 as "Dr. Violeta Menjivar Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 6, 2005

To honor the life of Mary L. Holmes, to commemorate her 100th birthday, and to declare December 31, 2005, "Mary L. Holmes Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS Mary L. Holmes was born Mary Lewis in Tarboro, North Carolina on December 31, 1905;

WHEREAS Mary Lewis taught students of all ages in a one-room schoolhouse in North Carolina;

WHEREAS Mary L. Holmes moved to the District of Columbia more than 70 years ago;

WHEREAS Mary L. Holmes was a longstanding federal employee before her retirement;

WHEREAS Mary L. Holmes has been a member of Cole Capital Hill Baptist Church for more than 60 years;

WHEREAS Mary L. Holmes had four children, two of whom were born in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS in addition to those four children, Mary L. Holmes now has 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the outstanding life of Mary L. Holmes, congratulates her on the occasion of her 100th birthday, and declares December 31, 2005 as "Mary L. Holmes Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 6, 2005

To recognize the Centennial Year of the District of Columbia's membership in the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

WHEREAS, 2005 marks the Centennial Year of the District of Columbia's membership in the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws;

WHEREAS, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws is one of the foremost organizations of state governments, whose 53 governmental members consist of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the United States Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia joined the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 1905;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has enacted dozens of uniform laws in numerous areas of the law, including commercial law, family law, criminal law, civil law, administrative law, and trusts and estates;

WHEREAS, the uniform laws currently in effect in the District include the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act; Uniform Arbitration Act; Uniform Athlete Agents Act; Uniform Act to Secure Attendance of Witnesses from without a State in Criminal Proceedings; Uniform Certification of Questions of Law Act; Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act; Uniform Common Trust Fund Act; Uniform Commercial Code; Uniform Conservation Easement Act; Uniform Controlled Substances Act; Uniform Custodial Trust Act; Uniform Determination of Death Act; Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act; Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act; Uniform Division of Income for Tax Purposes Act; Uniform Durable Power of Attorney Act; Uniform Electronic Transactions Act; Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act; Uniform Fiduciaries Act; Uniform Foreign Money Claims Act; Uniform Foreign Money-Judgment Recognition Act; Uniform Fraudulent Transfers Act; Uniform Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act; Uniform International Wills Act; Uniform Interstate

Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act; Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; Uniform Interstate and International Procedure Act; Uniform Limited Partnership Act; Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act; Uniform Multiple-Person Accounts Act; Uniform Nonprobate Transfers on Death Act; Uniform Law on Notarial Acts; Revised Uniform Partnership Act; Uniform Premarital Agreement Act; Uniform Principal and Income Act; Uniform Probate Code; Uniform Prudent Investor Act; Uniform Real Property Electronic Recordation Act; Uniform Act to Secure Attendance of Witnesses; Uniform Simplification of Fiduciary Security Transfers Act; Revised Uniform Simultaneous Death Act; Model State Administrative Procedure Act; Uniform Statutory Form Power of Attorney Act; Uniform Statutory Rule Against Perpetuities Act; Uniform Testamentary Additions to Trusts Act; Uniform TOD Securities Registration Act; Uniform Trade Secrets Act; Uniform Transfers to Minors Act; Uniform Trust Code; and the Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act; and

WHEREAS, these uniform laws have greatly improved the health, safety, and welfare of individuals in the District and have facilitated business and commercial transactions in the District.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Centennial Year of Membership in the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws Recognition Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the 100th year of the District of Columbia's membership in the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and recognizes the great contributions that uniform laws have made to individuals and business in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 6, 2005

To recognize the community based organization, Reaching Out to Others Together (ROOT) Incorporated, and to support its "Guns Aside Campaign" to educate the District's youth and its citizens on the negative impact of gun violence in the District of Columbia, and to declare January 2006 as "Guns Aside Month" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, ROOT Incorporated was founded in June 2002, as a nonprofit organization in the District, committed to advocacy, education, and intervention on behalf of individuals and families who have been victimized by homicides;

WHEREAS, the mission of ROOT, Incorporated is to motivate and mobilize communities to take a proactive approach to reducing homicides and the senseless gun violence occurring in our cities;

WHEREAS, for many years, residents of the District of Columbia have witnessed an increase in gun-related incidents and death in our communities and schools;

WHEREAS, from January 2002 to November 2005, 8,111 illegal guns were recovered by the Metropolitan Police Department in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, nationally, juveniles, ages 17 and under, are associated with more than 10 percent of recovered crime guns;

WHEREAS, nationally, individuals, ages 18 to 24 are associated with slightly more than 47 percent of gun crimes;

WHEREAS, nationally, the number one cause of death for African American males between the ages of 15 and 34 is death by gun violence;

WHEREAS, nationally, the number one cause of death for all African American youth

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between the ages of 15 and 24 is death by gun violence;

WHEREAS, on average, about 80 percent of victims who suffer from gun injuries are uninsured or eligible for government assisted medical insurance. Nationally, an estimated 150,000 people are treated annually in U.S. hospital emergency rooms for nonfatal gun-related injuries and approximately 80,000 require admission for in-patient care;

WHEREAS, cost estimates range from \$1.4 billion to \$4 billion annually in direct medical costs and \$19 billion annually in indirect costs, such as lost future earnings and permanent disabilities;

WHEREAS, for every firearm fatality, there are two non-fatal firearm injuries;

WHEREAS, through collaborative efforts, the Guns Aside Campaign will proactively approach gun related violence in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the ROOT Incorporated Guns Aside Campaign is an all-inclusive media campaign which will heighten the consciousness while raising awareness of the severity of gun violence within our communities and schools; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the importance of community based organizations, such as ROOT Incorporated, and the implementation of public awareness campaigns, such as the Guns Aside Campaign.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "January 2006 as the Guns Aside Campaign Awareness Month Resolution of 2005".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes ROOT Incorporated for their years of service to the victims of gun violence in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 6, 2005

To recognize Mary Elizabeth "Mamie" Green on the occasion of her 90th Birthday and to commend her efforts toward the betterment of the quality of life in the District of Columbia as a native Washingtonian.

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Green is a respected member of the Ward Five Community;

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Green was born and attended schools in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Green was an employee in good standing during her employment at the gift shop for the Supreme Court;

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Green had an admirable record of public service as a long-time volunteer poll worker until interrupted by health reasons;

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Green also volunteered her services for food distribution to senior citizens;

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Green was married for 45 years to the late Thaddeus Green and is the mother of nine children, grandmother of thirteen children; a great-grandmother to five children and an expected great-great-grandmother of one new born;

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Green was active in her church as a deaconess who through the years gave support to many church-related activities and currently attends Fellowship Baptist Church;

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Green is loved and respected for her dedication to family, friends and community with special recognition given on her 90th Birthday for what she has done for others;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Mary Elizabeth "Mamie" Green Recognition Resolution of 2005".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Mary Elizabeth Green for contributing positively to life in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 6, 2005

To recognize the universally acknowledged and legendary talents of James Brown as one of America's most prolific entertainers and for his longtime history of memorable concert performances in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, James Brown has been one of the foremost recognizable performers of popular music in the United States and the world for more than half a century;

WHEREAS, James Brown was born May 3, 1933 in Barnwell South Carolina and began his musical career in 1953 with the Gospel Starlighters;

WHEREAS, James Brown gained national attention with the release of the hit song, "Please Please Please";

WHEREAS, James Brown is second only to Elvis Presley with an all time hit record that includes 96 top 100 hits;

WHEREAS, James Brown is number one in Rhythm & Blues hits with 116 charted hits during his career;

WHEREAS, James Brown revolutionized the pop music industry in 1965 by introducing funk to a world-wide audience with the release of "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag";

WHEREAS, James Brown is widely known by such titles as the "Godfather of Soul", "Soul Brother Number One", "The Hardest Working Man in Show Business" and "Mr. Dynamite";

WHEREAS, James Brown has featured some of the most exciting and exhilarating live shows on stage and screen throughout his career;

WHEREAS, James Brown has also gained respect for his humanitarian contributions and concern for social issues that have been reflected in positive and uplifting messages of his songs;

WHEREAS, James Brown in 1992 received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 34th Grammy Awards;

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WHEREAS, James Brown in 1993 receives a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Fourth Annual Rhythm & Blues Foundation Pioneer Awards;

WHEREAS, James Brown has performed at concerts in the District of Columbia for more than 50 years at such memorable venues as the Howard Theater;

WHEREAS, James Brown is affectionately remembered in the District of Columbia for his leadership role in bringing peace to the city after civil disturbances following the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, James Brown has given to the nation a legacy of musical achievements and brought stature to himself for outstanding musical talents and humanitarianism.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors James Brown as one of the nation's outstanding individuals and for his contributions of time and talent given through the years 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.