

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 1, 2004

To recognize the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, Phi Sigma Chapter, on the occasion of its Dr. Shirley G. Mitchell Scholarship Gala.

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., is a community service organization dedicated to serving the citizens of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., gives monetary scholarships to District of Columbia high school students who display academic excellence, leadership, and financial need to attend college;

WHEREAS, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., this year, honors the late District of Columbia educator Dr. Shirley G. Mitchell;

WHEREAS, Dr. Shirley G. Mitchell was a long time resident of the District of Columbia and community activist; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shirley G. Mitchell's unwavering efforts in educating the District's youth is the motivation behind honoring her with this scholarship gala.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, Phi Sigma Chapter Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, Phi Sigma Chapter for its valuable scholarship program in contribution to the youth 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

June 1, 2004

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, to honor those involved in the landmark decision ending segregation in public education, and to declare May 17, 2004 as "Brown v. Board of Education Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, in 1952, the U.S. Supreme Court consolidated the series of cases under *Brown v. Board of Education*, which challenged the constitutional validity of the "separate but equal" doctrine that for over 50 years justified segregation in virtually all areas of civil society;

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People ("NAACP") coordinated these cases as part of a strategy to challenge the legality of segregation, initially under the leadership of Charles Hamilton Houston, and later continued under the guidance of Thurgood Marshall;

WHEREAS, Marshall and the NAACP argued before the Supreme Court that states had no valid reason to impose segregation, that racial separation - no matter how equal facilities may be - in fact harmed African American children psychologically and violated the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution;

WHEREAS, on May 17, 1954, Chief Justice Earl Warren read the unanimous opinion of the Court, which declared that public education was "a right that must be made available to all on equal terms," and that "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal" and furthermore overruled the "separate but equal" doctrine, holding that such segregation violated the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution;

WHEREAS, *Brown v. Board of Education* was a ground-breaking advancement of the rights of African Americans and provided a legal foundation for the Civil Rights Movement that followed; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2004, the NAACP, Howard University, and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund celebrate the 50th anniversary of *Board v. Brown of Education* and honor those who contributed to this victory for human rights.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Brown v. Board of Education Day Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates 50 years of the legacy of *Brown v. Board of Education*, honors those who fought in the struggle for desegregation and civil rights in the United States, and declares May 17, 2004 as "Brown v. Board of Education 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 officially welcome Mayor Oscar Benavides of the city of Ate, Perú to the District of Columbia and applaud the important contributions he and his administration are doing for the people of Perú; and to declare May 14, 2004, as "Friendship Day between the cities of Ate/Lima, Perú and Washington, D.C." in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Mayor Benavides was recently nominated as the President for the National Committee of Mayors from Peru ("ANADIS") as the representative for the local governments of Perú of the National Committee for Decentralization;

WHEREAS, Mayor Benavides in his role as President of the Council of Mayors represents 1,829 Mayors throughout the Peruvian nation;

WHEREAS, Mayor Benavides is traveling in the Western Hemisphere promoting the life and culture of Perú, and procuring funds and programs for the social advancement of its people;

WHEREAS, Mayor Benavides has dedicated much of his adult life to serve the public to better the social services in Perú and to provide more access and opportunities for its working families; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Benavides has created programs for the advancement of women's causes, equipped schools for children to better learn, created jobs and small business opportunities for local and rural merchants and is fighting for a better health system for the poor.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Friendship Day Between the Cities of Ate/Lima, Perú and the District of Columbia Declaration Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia welcomes Mayor Oscar Benavides to the Nation's Capital and recognizes his contributions to the people of Perú, in his capacity as the

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President of the Mayor's Council and declares May 14, 2004, as "Friendship Day Between the Cities of Ate/Lima, Perú and 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

June 1, 2004

To recognize the Cardozo "Clerks" Boys' Basketball Team for winning the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys' Basketball Championship and the City Title Basketball Game.

WHEREAS, the Cardozo Boys' Basketball Team won the District of Columbia Interscholastic Athletic Association Boys' Basketball Championship on February 27, 2004 at Coolidge High School with a 54-50 victory over West Division runner-up Roosevelt Senior High School;

WHEREAS, the Cardozo Boys' Basketball Team completed its season with a 75-71 victory in overtime over Bishop O'Connell Boys' Basketball Team in the City Title Basketball Game on March 13, 2004 at the Smith Center on the campus of George Washington University;

WHEREAS, Cardozo sophomore Lester Williams was named the Most Valuable Player in the City Title Basketball Game;

WHEREAS, the Cardozo Boys' Basketball Team finished its season ranked number 7 in the Washington Post's list of top 25 area high schools with an overall record of 16 - 8; and

WHEREAS, members of the Cardozo Basketball Team are: Antonio Cooper, Jamal Davis, Darius Day, Deon Jones, Gary Jones, Yusef Kendall, Lorenzo Lesesene, Vance Matthews, Goodson Onyekwu, Tristian Sellers, Lester Williams, Roland Williams, Steve Williams, Henry Lindsey (Head Coach), Hanif Hill (Assistant Coach), Henry Plater (Assistant Coach), and Jovan Means (Athletic Trainer); and members of the Cardozo Administrative Staff are: Reginald Ballard (Principal), Barbara Childs (Assistant Principal), Gary Gray (Assistant Principal for Athletics), and Robert Richards, CAA (Athletic Director).

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Cardozo "Clerks" Boys' Basketball Team Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the Cardozo "Clerks" Boys' Team on their stellar championship season and applauds the efforts of the students and staff who worked with diligence and discipline to receive this honor.

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

June 1, 2004

To posthumously celebrate and recognize the life of Mr. Stephen H. Youngstrom.

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephen H. Youngstrom was a devoted husband to his wife, Mrs. Gail Carmichael Youngstrom;

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Youngstrom are the proud parents of two sons, Elan and Shye Youngstrom;

WHEREAS, Mr. Youngstrom passed away on February 9, 2004, of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease;

WHEREAS, Stephen H. Youngstrom was an outgoing neighbor who made numerous contributions to the Manor Park neighborhood in which he resided;

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Manor Park Citizens Association cited Mr. Youngstrom, whom was also a member, for his tireless and laudable service in the neighborhood, describing him as a "consummate neighbor everyone would love to have"; and

WHEREAS, having only resided in his neighborhood for a short time, Mr. Youngstrom was known to regularly go above and beyond the call of service, most clearly remembered for selfless actions geared towards the betterment of those around him.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the, "Stephen H. Youngstrom Memorial Recognition Resolution of 2004."

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the contribution of Mr. Stephen H. Youngstrom as a father, resident, friend and model neighbor in the District and join his family and friends in honoring his life.

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

June 1, 2004

To recognize and honor the outstanding and historically significant contributions of the late Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr., as the Founder, President and President Emeritus of the United Black Fund, Inc., Editor-Publisher of the Washington Informer Newspaper, and Civil Rights Leader, who is being remembered at the Eighth Annual Dr. Calvin W. Rolark Memorial Scholarship Luncheon on June 16, 2004.

WHEREAS, Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr., is highly recognized as a crusading newspaper publisher, from his founding of the Washington Informer newspaper in October 1964;

WHEREAS, his life in the District of Columbia was one of great service as he was the founder and president of the United Black Fund, Inc., from October 1969 until 1994; and was named President Emeritus following his death;

WHEREAS, Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr., a renowned community activist, humanitarian, crusading publisher journalist, civil rights pioneer and civic leader, nurtured and developed the United Black Fund as a direct consequence of the disparity of charitable giving during the 1960's in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr., and his legacy continues to have a positive impact upon the lives of thousands of residents of the Greater Washington Area as demonstrated by the United Black Fund currently supporting over 31 member agencies and providing crucial funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia joins the United Black Fund in celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ninth Annual Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr., Memorial Scholarship Luncheon Recognition Resolution of 2004".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the accomplishments and contributions of the late Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr., for the valuable contribution he and the United Black Fund have made to the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 1, 2004

To recognize Experience Corps on the occasion of its 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Volunteer Day and declare June 3, 2004, "Experience Corps 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Volunteer Day Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Experience Corps is an innovative and award-winning national program that has been active in the District of Columbia since 1999;

WHEREAS, Experience Corps, Washington, D.C., has benefitted over 3,000 children, eight schools and 300 older adults since it began at Scott Montgomery Elementary School in 1999;

WHEREAS, Experience Corps members are caring adults age 55 and older from throughout Washington, D.C., and surrounding areas who have made serious commitments to serve as tutors, mentors, and classroom assistants on a volunteer basis from 2 to 16 hours weekly;

WHEREAS, the principals and teachers who know the work of Experience Corps members have consistently reported that children helped by these volunteers have raised their reading scores, gained self-confidence and improved their school performance and that the classrooms and schools have gained new resources and better ties to the community;

WHEREAS, Experience Corps members who serve as teams, have felt they gained satisfaction and improved their health in addition to helping children;

WHEREAS, Experience Corps, known throughout the city, has made plans to have 16 teams of 20 volunteers each active in D.C. schools by 2005-06; and

WHEREAS, Experience Corps, its sponsoring agency Civic Ventures, the partner agencies and grant-making foundations support Experience Corps have mobilized an unbeatable new resource to meet vital community needs in Washington.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Experience Corps for the tremendous work done by its members in the past 5 years to help D.C. school children succeed.

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

June 1, 2004

To recognize the Washington Renegades Rugby Football Club as the nation's first all inclusive rugby club and to wish well their success in bringing the Mark Bingham Memorial Cup home to Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS, the city of Washington is fortunate to be the home of many of the nation's greatest sporting traditions;

WHEREAS, the Washington Renegades Rugby Football Club is the nation's first all inclusive rugby club, established in the District of Columbia on October 24, 1998, with a mission to learn, teach and play rugby; to forge new friendships; to celebrate others' differences; and to give back to its supportive communities through charitable and educational activities;

WHEREAS, the Washington Renegades Rugby Football Club has directly introduced the great sport of rugby to over 1,200 players, alumni, supports, and fans during its five year history;

WHEREAS, the Washington Renegades Rugby Football Club has been deeply committed to give back to the community through numerous charitable and educational activities which include raising thousands of dollars for nonprofit service organizations that support those in need;

WHEREAS, the Washington Renegades Rugby Football Club has been a strong supporter in ensuring that Washington's Stead Field remains one of the best maintained parks in the Washington, D.C. area through a contribution of over \$45,000 in user fees since March, 2000;

WHEREAS, the Washington Renegades Rugby Football Club will proudly represent the City of Washington in the Mark Bingham Memorial Cup International Rugby Tournament in London, England from May 27, 2004 through May 31, 2004; and

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WHEREAS, the city of Washington, D.C., is proud of its home rugby team;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Washington Renegades Rugby Football Club Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Washington Renegades Rugby Football Club.

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

June 1, 2004

To recognize and commend Stephen G. Callas for his six years of dedicated service as a member of the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, his 10 years as a member of the District of Columbia Board of Library Trustees, and his four years as public information officer for the District of Columbia Office of Community Services.

WHEREAS, Stephen G. Callas came to Washington, D.C., more than 35 years ago to work on Capitol Hill;

WHEREAS, Stephen G. Callas has been a highly involved and dedicated participant in the civic life of Washington, D.C., throughout the time he has lived here;

WHEREAS, Stephen G. Callas served as the public information officer for the D.C. Office of Community Services from 1983 to 1987;

WHEREAS, Stephen G. Callas served as a member of the D.C. Board of Library Trustees between 1983 and 1993, a period when the Board opened new branches at Lamond-Riggs and Shepherd Park;

WHEREAS, Stephen G. Callas has served as a member of the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics since March 1998, never missing a Board meeting during more than six years of service;

WHEREAS, Stephen G. Callas became well-known during his tenure as a D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics member for visiting all of the 142 polling places in the District of Columbia, reflecting his commitment to observe, understand, and monitor all aspects of the democratic process;

WHEREAS, during the tenure of Stephen G. Callas, the Board of Elections and Ethics has made many advances, introducing new optical-scan and touch-screen voting systems; administering an unprecedented four elections during the year 2000; developing a Help America Vote Act implementation plan that emphasizes voter education and polling place accessibility; and holding the first-in-the-nation presidential primary in January 2004; and

WHEREAS, Stephen G. Callas will retire as a Board of Elections and Ethics member after the Board's July 7, 2004, meeting, capping a distinguished career of serving the residents of the District of Columbia with distinction and integrity.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Stephen G. Callas Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends Stephen G. Callas for his dedication and devotion to serving the District of Columbia government and the residents of the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 1, 2004

To recognize and commend Benjamin F. Wilson, for his lasting commitment to government service in the District of Columbia while serving as Chairman of the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics.

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Wilson was appointed to the Board of Elections and Ethics on June 29, 1990 to serve as a Board member by Mayor Marion Barry Jr.;

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Wilson exhibited an uncompromising commitment to serve the District of Columbia with dignity and genuine respect for the electoral process and the rules and regulations he was charged to administer; thereby resulting in being appointed to the Chairmanship of the Board of Elections and Ethics on October 1, 1991 by Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly;

WHEREAS Benjamin F. Wilson, continued to demonstrate solid leadership abilities, unquestionable integrity, a strong sense of justice, and an insightful grasp of the complex matters that came before the Board thereby garnering reappointment as Chairman in May 2001 by Mayor Anthony A. Williams;

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Wilson worked tirelessly on behalf of the voters in the District of Columbia, and established a new electronic optical scan system to replace the District's outdated punch card system thereby making it easier for the voter to fill out the ballot form and ensure accurate recording of the voter's intent;

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Wilson was made aware of the difficulties that disabled voters were having while attempting to vote unassisted, and in conjunction with the Board decided it necessary to provide accessible voting equipment in each precinct;

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Wilson took the initiative to address polling place accessibility for disabled persons resulting in a ninety-five percent accessibility rate for all polling places in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Wilson served as Chairman when the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions conducted a survey on the quality of service by District of Columbia's Departments and Agencies in 2002 in which the Board received a 97 percent approval rating;

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WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Wilson led the Office of Campaign Finance to successfully revive and stabilize the Financial Disclosure Program, which was dormant at the time of his first appointment as Chairman, and now boasts a 96 percent compliance rate;

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Wilson led the Office of Campaign Finance to successfully address and resolve a backlog of investigative cases that existed at the time of his first appointment as Chairman, and now remains current;

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Wilson catalyzed the Office of Campaign Finance to ensure transparency of campaign operations and public office through the revitalization of its educational program to increase the public's awareness of the requirements of the Campaign Finance Act, and its enforcement program in the imposition of fines for violations of the Act;

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Wilson was committed to assisting the Office of Campaign Finance in the successful introduction of the Electronic Filing System to facilitate the online filing of financial reports at the Office of Campaign Finance website; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Wilson is the longest tenured Board of Elections and Ethics Chairman, and went above and beyond his call of duty to serve the public uncompromisingly with compassion and a sense of justice for all.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Benjamin F. Wilson Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends Benjamin F. Wilson for his continued commitment to excellence in government service and would especially like to recognize Benjamin F. Wilson on his fourteenth year of government service as a Board member for the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics.

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

June 1, 2004

To honor James Nathaniel Brown ("Jim Brown"), National Football League Hall of Famer, actor, community activist, and founder of Amer-I-Can Program, Inc., and recognize his valued contributions working with communities in the District of Columbia and across the nation to make a positive difference in the lives of our youth, and to declare July 31, 2004 as "Jim Brown Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, James Nathaniel Brown ("Jim Brown") was born in St. Simons Island on the southern Georgia coastline, raised by his grandmother until age 7 and then joined his mother near Long Island, New York;

WHEREAS, Jim Brown enrolled in Manhasset High School where his sensational athletic career began;

WHEREAS, Jim Brown was educated at Syracuse University, named an All American running back and inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. He was also an All American in Lacrosse;

WHEREAS, Jim Brown excelled academically and was honored as one of five recipients of the "NCAA Silver Anniversary Outstanding Students of the past 25 years";

WHEREAS, from 1957-1966 Jim Brown played professional football with the Cleveland Browns. During his illustrious and legendary career, Jim Brown established many records including a 9 year career total of 12,312 yards gained;

WHEREAS, Jim Brown was inducted into the National Football Hall of Fame and considered by many as the greatest running back in football history;

WHEREAS, as a screen actor, Jim Brown appeared in over 20 motion pictures;

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Jim Brown for his valuable contributions working with communities in the District of Columbia and across the nation to make a positive difference in the lives of our youth and declares July 31, 2004, "Jim Brown Day" in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 1, 2004

To recognize the Robinson family on the occasion of their 13th Annual Family Reunion.

WHEREAS, the Robinson family traces its roots to an African woman named Adeline Curry who was brought to America with her sister and two brothers;

WHEREAS, Adeline Curry, a slave, was ultimately settled in Surginer, Alabama;

WHEREAS, Adeline Curry worked as a cook in the "big house" where during that time the relationship between slave and owner underwent subtle changes;

WHEREAS, Adeline Curry remained single but bore nine children with Andrew Deeden, the unmarried son of her owner;

WHEREAS, Adeline Curry, though still a slave, was provided a house and adjoining land deeded to her by Andrew Deeden;

WHEREAS, once their children reached adulthood and married, Andrew Deeden gave each a plot of property of their own;

WHEREAS, one of those children, Onie Curry married Onie Robinson and born to that union were W.L., Dorothy, and Geneva Robinson;

WHEREAS, although the Robinson family's beginnings are in Alabama, family members now also live in Georgia, Michigan, Ohio, and Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the 13th Annual Family Reunion will be held July 14-16, 2004 in Washington, D.C.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Robinson Family 13th Annual Family Reunion Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia welcomes the Robinson family to Washington and wishes them a joyous reunion.

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

June 1, 2004

To recognize and honor the Martens family business, Martens Cars of Washington, which celebrates 100 years of continuous operation in the Washington metropolitan area.

WHEREAS, the Martens business began in 1904 selling coal and ice from a cart pulled by a mule;

WHEREAS, in 1916, Henry Ford approached the two Martens brothers to establish a Ford dealership where they not only sold cars, but also taught their customers how to drive;

WHEREAS, during the 100 years in business, the Martens company, which evolved from the rolling mule cart, has expanded and grown and has sold just about every make of car; and

WHEREAS, the Martens family business continues today and is managed by the grandchildren of the founders, who are dedicated to maintaining the same high levels of excellence that have brought the business the success it enjoys today.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Martens Cars of Washington Recognition and Appreciation Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Martens family for their long-standing contribution to the city of Washington, D.C.

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

June 1, 2004

To recognize and honor Mrs. Mary Taylor Overton, who has found many ways to enthrall, amuse and motivate young learners in the District of Columbia Public School System for the past 32 years.

WHEREAS, Mary Taylor Overton was raised in Englewood, New Jersey, and she is the daughter of a homemaker and a minister. Her father, Rev. Taylor, was the first and only African American mayor of Englewood.

WHEREAS, Mary Taylor Overton received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education from D.C. Teachers College;

WHEREAS, Mary Taylor Overton was married to Benjamin Overton for 27 years. At the time of his death, Mr. Overton was Director of Athletics at Ballou Senior High School. The Overtons have two children, Anthony and Camille, and two grandchildren, Zachary and Taylor;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Overton has taught at John Eaton Elementary School in Cleveland Park for the past 22 years, and has taught over a thousand students representing the diverse neighborhoods in the District;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Overton has been an educational visionary, laying the foundation for science and math education in her classroom long before it was academically sophisticated;

WHEREAS, as an accomplished educator, she has written a teaching manual entitled, Creating Lifelong Math and Science Learners. Other selected accomplishments include: Galaxy Science Teacher Professional Development program sponsored by Hughes Corporation in 1992, the New York Bronx Zoo Pilot Science Program in 1990, and she was selected as one of thirty teachers by National Geographic to retrace the route of Harriett Tubman in 1996;

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Overton has been a model of teaching excellence; bringing her genuine excitement for math and science to her young students and inspiring their quest for knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Overton has also worked closely with parents and guardians to build the important bridge between school and home. She also worked tirelessly to support the school plays by writing, directing and even sewing the costumes for the Kindergarten productions. Mrs. Overton has established teaching coalitions with John Eaton to foster the school motto, "A Community of Learners."

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Mary Taylor Overton Recognition and Appreciation Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Mary Taylor Overton for her generous contribution as a teacher and citizen to the city of Washington, D.C.

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