

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 29, 2004

To celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Fleet Feet in Adams Morgan, and to declare June 8, 2004 as "Fleet Feet Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, when Fleet Feet opened on June 4, 1984, as a neighborhood supplier of running, biking, and swimming apparel and accessories, recognizing the potential that has made the Adams Morgan neighborhood a vibrant community;

WHEREAS, Jeanette and Phil Fenty, the owners of Fleet Feet, made a commitment to Adams Morgan, because of their love for the community and their nearby residence in Mount Pleasant;

WHEREAS, Fleet Feet conducted business at 1840 Columbia Road, NW, moving across the street in 1998 to their current location at 1841 Columbia Road, NW;

WHEREAS, the Fentys are active members of the Adams Morgan Business Association, who have supported efforts to improve economic development in Adams Morgan, participating in the Adams Morgan Main Street and the Adams Morgan Business Improvement District;

WHEREAS, Fleet Feet, in keeping with the Fentys' spirit of community service, donates significantly to a number of local causes, including women's shelters, public schools and area food banks;

WHEREAS, the Fentys are long-time civic activists in the District of Columbia, who have been involved in such progressive causes as The Poor People's Movement, The Civil Rights Movement, The Anti-Vietnam War Movement, The Statehood for DC Movement, and two Washington Teachers' Unions strikes in the late-1970s and 1980s;

WHEREAS, DCVote honored Fleet Feet and the Fentys for the community activism at their 2003 Annual Dinner;

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WHEREAS, the Fentys have shared their love of running with the community for twenty years by training over 2,000 runners of all backgrounds seeking to compete in the annual Marine Corps Marathon;

WHEREAS, Phillip Fenty has completed 75 marathons and ultra-marathons, including completing 100-mile races in one day;

WHEREAS, Jeanette Fenty spent almost twenty years as a District of Columbia Public School Special Education teacher at Adams Elementary School and has completed two marathons in her own right;

WHEREAS, Fleet Feet continues to serve as a community gathering place, and is a hub of activity every Sunday morning at 9:00, as runners assemble to join Phil Fenty on his weekly "Fun Run," a five-mile tour through the streets and parks of the Nation's Capital; and

WHEREAS, over the past two decades, the Fentys have established Fleet Feet as a community institution by providing quality merchandise and service, inspiring beginner and veteran runners to persevere towards their goals, and remaining a stable presence during times of change.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Fleet Feet Day Declaration Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes Fleet Feet and the Fentys for twenty years of superior service to their customers and to their community, and furthermore declares June 8, 2004 as "Fleet Feet 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

June 29, 2004

To recognize the outstanding medical career of Dr. William E. Brown, and to celebrate his retirement from the Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS, Dr. William E. Brown graduated from the City College of New York where he majored in biology and chemistry and soon thereafter, obtained a Master's Degree in Human Relations;

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown began his medical studies at Howard University College of Medicine in 1960 and, through hard work and diligence, graduated with his medical degree in 1966;

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown started his medical career as a resident at Freedmen's Hospital under the guidance of Dr. John F.J. Clark, former chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and spent the following year at the District of Columbia General Hospital in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown returned to his alma mater, Howard University, in the capacity of Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics-Gynecology, and would remain for almost two decades;

WHEREAS, over the course of his tenure at Howard University, Dr. Brown served as the Director of Medical Services, the Project Director and Medical Director at the Center for Family Planning Services, and President of the Medical Dental Staff;

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has been committed to service within the medical profession as is exemplified by his active participation and leadership within the medical society of the District of Columbia; the Alternate Delegate to the American Medical Society House of Delegates; the First Chair of the Hospital Medical Staff Relations Committee; President of the National Capital Medical Foundation; President of the Medico-Chirurgical Society, Incorporated of Washington D.C.; elected the Executive Secretary of the National Medical Association; Secretary of the

National Medical Association's House of Delegates, and Chair of the Committee on Administrative and Fiscal Affairs of the House of Delegates;

WHEREAS, during his career, Dr. Brown also received numerous professional appointments, which include membership on the District of Columbia Commission on Licensure for the Healing Arts and the District of Columbia Board of Medicine, where he served as Vice-Chair and Chair; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown, while a resident at D.C. General, met and married the former Hattie Carey. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been married for 36 years and are the proud parents of Leslye and William ("Bill") Brown, Jr.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. William E. Brown Retirement Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the contributions of Dr. William E. Brown to the greater community and joins his family, colleagues and friends in celebrating his retirement and distinguished career at the Howard University Hospital.

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 29, 2004

To recognize and honor Ray Wilson for his citizen participation and leadership that improved the lives of District residents and their communities.

WHEREAS, Ray Wilson is a native Washingtonian and has resided in Ward Five for close to 50 years;

WHEREAS, Ray Wilson is a graduate of Cardozo High School and is actively involved in his alma mata's school reunion committee and earned a degree in Business Administration;

WHEREAS, Ray Wilson is a former welter-weight amateur boxer, track runner and doo-wop baritone singer;

WHEREAS, Ray Wilson spent twenty-five years in the United States Navy and served on the USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides"), the USS Norris and as the first African American Affirmative Action Officer aboard the USS Detroit AOE-4;

WHEREAS, Ray Wilson in 1974 retired from the United States Navy with Certificates and Letters of Commendation;

WHEREAS, Ray Wilson was the first African American to work in the administration for the National Capital American Heart Association;

WHEREAS, Ray Wilson has devoted nearly 30 years to photography and has become renowned for documenting in photographs some of the most notable African-Americans in the nation that includes DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, Carl Lewis, Ray Charles and Bill Cosby;

WHEREAS, Ray Wilson's photographs are displayed at the Lamond-Riggs Library where has created a Youth Photography Club;

WHEREAS, Ray Wilson was featured in the "about ...time" magazine with a writer's quote about the ability to capture the essence of being in the faces of his photographs;

WHEREAS, Ray Wilson is the April/May/June 2004 feature article in the Lamond-Riggs Library Gazette magazine as "The Griot Among Us"; and

WHEREAS, Ray Wilson has used his skills to document history through a camera.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that Ray Wilson displays the skills of true leadership that contribute to the quality of community life and to the success 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 29, 2004

To recognize and honor David and Mary Colclough for citizen participation and leadership that improve the lives of District residents and their communities.

WHEREAS, David and Mary Colclough have resided in Ward Five for close to 40 years;

WHEREAS, David and Mary Colclough celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in February 2004;

WHEREAS, Mary joined the Tenth Street Baptist Church in 1947 and David joined the Tenth Street Baptist Church in 1953, and both immediately became active in the church;

WHEREAS, David and Mary Colclough have worked together for more than 30 years with the "Feed the Hungry" Program at Tenth Street Baptist;

WHEREAS, David and Mary Colclough have been members of the church's organizations which include the Senior Usher Board, Men's Club, Male Chorus, Breakfast Club and Sunday School;

WHEREAS, David and Mary Colclough have been former members of the Foster Parent's Club and were foster parents for nine children; and

WHEREAS, David and Mary Colclough have used their time and efforts to help persons less fortunate than others.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that David and Mary Colclough display the skills of true leadership that contribute to the quality of community life and to the success 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 29, 2004

To recognize Ms. Lucille Lewis, proprietress of Japat Tailors, 6228 Georgia Avenue, N.W., upon her retirement from Japat Tailors after nearly 30 years of quality service to Washingtonians of all walks of life.

WHEREAS, Ms. Lewis, a native of Eutaw, Alabama, learned her craft from her mother, a seamstress, and honed her skills throughout her youth, enrolling in her first sewing class in the Seventh Grade and continuing the classes during her junior and high school years;

WHEREAS, Ms. Lewis attended the Wetumeia Trade School in Birmingham, Alabama where she studied her avocation with diligence and became a Master Seamstress;

WHEREAS, Ms. Lewis came to the District of Columbia in August 1963, applying her craft as her means of livelihood;

WHEREAS, Ms. Lewis, seeking an establishment wherein she could freely express her artistry and provide greater service to her growing base of loyal customers, opened Japat Tailors in 1969;

WHEREAS, under the proprietary acumen of Ms. Lewis, Japat Tailors became renown in the District of Columbia, providing quality service to its clientele and displaying Ms. Lewis' skills as both seamstress and tailor;

WHEREAS, Ms. Lewis has also employed her artistic talents as a designer of fine apparel;

WHEREAS, Ms. Lewis can count many of Washington's best known citizens as her loyal customers, with the photos of government officials and local media celebrities adorning the walls of Japat Tailors;

WHEREAS, because Ms. Lewis' generosity has extended to the many unemployed residents she has hired to maintain a clean environment around her shop, and because of her

calm yet resolute demeanor, she has earned the moniker: "The Oprah of Georgia Avenue"; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Ms. Lewis married her husband Thomas, and their union blessed them with their 3 children – Jason, Patrick and Tisha.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may cited as the "Lucille Lewis Seamstress and Tailoring Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends Ms. Lucille Lewis for her contributions to craftsmanship and the economic viability within 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 29, 2004

To recognize and honor the Ordination of The Most Reverend Martin David Holley, D.D.,
Titular Bishop of Rusubisir, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, on July 2, 2004.

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Martin David Holley was born in Pensacola Florida on
December 31, 1954;

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Martin David Holley attended Catholic elementary
schools and the Tate High School, becoming the captain of the basketball team and selected for
the Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Martin David Holley graduated from the Faulkner State
Junior College in Bay Minette, Alabama, earning an Associate of Arts Degree in General
Education in 1975;

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Martin David Holley graduated from Alabama State
University in Montgomery Alabama., earning an bachelor of arts degree in Management in 1977;

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Martin David Holley studied Business Administration
courses at the University of West Florida in 1980 - 1981;

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Martin David Holley attended Theological College at
the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., during 1982-1984;

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Martin David Holley earned a master of Divinity
Degree from St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida, in 1987;

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Martin David Holley was ordained to the Priesthood at
the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Pensacola Florida on May 8, 1987;

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Martin David Holley served as Parochial Vicar at the St. Mary Catholic Church in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, from June 2, 1987 - March 27, 1990 and as the Administrator from March 27, 1990 - June 27, 1992;

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Martin David Holley served as the Parochial Vicar of the St. Paul Catholic Church in Pensacola, Florida, from June 27, 1992 - August 12, 2000;

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Mart David Holley served as the Administrator of the Little Flower Catholic Church in Pensacola, Florida, from August 12, 2000 - June 27, 2002;

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Martin David Holley served as the Pastor of the Little Flower Catholic Church from June 27, 2002 until his elevation;

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Martin David Holley served as the spiritual director of the Serra Club of West Florida, the spiritual director and instructor for the Permanent Diaconate Program, as Director of the Department of Ethnic Concerns of the Diocese, as a member of the diocesan Council of Priests, and as a member of the Joint Conference of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus;

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Martin David Holley was named as the new Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. , by Pope John Paul II, on May 18, 2004; and

WHEREAS, The Most Reverend Martin David Holley will be Ordained as the Titular Bishop of Rusubisir, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington on July 2, 2004.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "The Most Reverend Martin David Holley, Auxiliay Bishop of Washington, D.C. Ordination Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates The Most Reverend Martin David Holley, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, D.C., on this occasion.

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 29, 2004

To honor and recognize Christine Cunningham on the occasion of her 75th birthday, July 24, 2004.

WHEREAS, Christine was born in Edgefield, South Carolina on July 24, 1929 to the late Katie and Wally Parks;

WHEREAS, Christine at the tender age of eight moved to Washington, D.C., in 1937;

WHEREAS, Christine attended school in the D.C. Public School System and went on to marry the late Eugene Cunningham, Sr., and from this union they had five children, Albert Tyrone, Patricia, Yvonne, Eugene Jr., and Carolyn;

WHEREAS, Christine Cunningham has been an active member of the Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church for over 40 years where she is on the Women's chorus, an active Sunday school member, kitchen and food share committees, as well as anything else the church asks her to do; and

WHEREAS, Christine Cunningham has been a dedicated resident of Ward Eight since 1967.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Christine Cunningham for her untiring dedication to her family, community and church.

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 29, 2004

To honor and recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., as person who continues to work to protect the legal rights and liberties of low-income District of Columbia residents and individuals abroad.

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald S. Sullivan Jr., former Director of the Public Defender Service from 2002 until 2004, will begin a tenure track position on July 1, 2004 at Yale Law School to continue his fight to bring fair and quality legal representation to individuals who have lost that liberty;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., is a devoted husband to wife, Stephanie Robinson, and loving father to Ronald S. Sullivan, III.;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald S. Sullivan Jr., is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Morehouse College and the Harvard Law School;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., upon graduating from the Harvard Law School, worked diligently in Nairobi, Kenya assisting in drafting a new constitution;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., so held a position on the Kenya Human Rights Commission and documented human rights violations throughout Kenya;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., furthered his career by working with Baach Robinson & Lewis and Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom law firms where he specialized in complex civil and white-collar criminal litigation;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald Sullivan, Jr., furthered the pursuit of legal representation for indigent people facing lost of liberty in the District of Columbia by serving as General Counsel for the Public Defender Service from 2000 until 2002; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., is recognized for his commitment to human rights and justice, and is acknowledged as an educator at Yale Law School in the areas of criminal law, procedure, and for continuing the zealous pursuit of quality legal representation for the disenfranchised.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr. Criminal Law and Procedures Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes Mr. Ronald S. Sullivan, Jr., for his dedication to human rights, the criminal law system, and his eagerness to share his knowledge at an institute of higher learning.

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 29, 2004

To recognize Officer William E. Reynolds, III, in honor of his retirement from the Metropolitan Police Department and for exemplary service and commitment to the residents of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Officer Reynolds was born in Washington, D.C., on January 30, 1955 and was appointed to the Metropolitan Police Department on February 17, 1974;

WHEREAS, Officer Reynolds upon completion of his study at the police academy, was assigned to the First District patrol division;

WHEREAS, Officer Reynolds was assigned to the Property Division from 1975 to 1976;

WHEREAS, Officer Reynolds returned to the First District and was assigned to the casual clothes division;

WHEREAS, Officer Reynolds worked at Camp Brown and the Boys' and Girls' Club during the summer months and then was assigned to the Boys' and Girls' Club permanently in 1996;

WHEREAS, Officer Reynolds was awarded "Cop of the Month" numerous times and has received many citizen's appreciation letters, letters of commendations from the Chief of Police, and numerous crime reduction awards;

WHEREAS, Officer Reynolds also served on many large demonstrations and presidential inaugurations while working with the Metropolitan Police Department Civil Disturbance Unit; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2004, Officer Reynolds retired from the Metropolitan Police Department after 30 years of service.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the Officer William E. Reynolds, III Service Appreciation Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the 30 years of commitment to excellence in Metropolitan Police Department by William E. Reynolds, III.

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 29, 2004

To recognize Sergeant Gary Clearwater, in honor of his retirement from the Metropolitan Police Department and for exemplary service and commitment to the residents of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Sergeant Clearwater was appointed to the Metropolitan Police Department on May 23, 1977;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Clearwater upon completion of his study at the police academy, was assigned to the First District on August 5, 1977;

WHEREAS, in 1979 Sergeant Clearwater was assigned to the casual clothes division in the First District;

WHEREAS, in 1984 Sergeant Clearwater was transferred to the K-9 unit at the Third District and received numerous awards and commendations while assigned to the K-9 unit;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Clearwater received the Traffic Officer of the Month in June 1985;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Clearwater was awarded "Cop of the Month" numerous times and has received many citizen's appreciation letters, letters of commendations from the Chief of Police, and numerous crime reduction awards;

WHEREAS, Sergeant Clearwater also served on many large demonstrations and presidential inaugurations while working with the Metropolitan Police Department Civil Disturbance Unit; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Clearwater was promoted to Sergeant on June 25, 1991 and was transferred back to the First District where he remained until he retired from the Metropolitan Police Department on May 29, 2004 after 27 years of service;

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sergeant Gary Clearwater Service Appreciation Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the 27 years of commitment to excellence in Metropolitan Police Department by Gary Clearwater.

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 29, 2004

To recognize Principal Gloria Smith on behalf of her efforts to make Ross Elementary School one of the best schools in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Gloria Smith has been Principal of John Ross Elementary School in Dupont Circle since 1998;

WHEREAS, during this period Principal Smith has so nurtured a school esprit and excellence that her students are inspired to study hard, teachers compete for assignment to her school, the school's reputation has attracted an enrollment waiting list, and new parents want to settle in the Dupont Circle neighborhood in order to live within her school's district;

WHEREAS, despite the fact that more than 70 percent of her students qualify for free or reduced price meals and represent 21 native language groups, Principal Smith has provided the leadership that caused the standardized test scores for John Ross Elementary school to have leapt in the last two years substantially above the rate of improvement in the overall District of Columbia Public School System;

WHEREAS, to augment the resources of the District of Columbia Public School System, Principal Smith has secured grants and other financial support from various groups, including Friends of Ross Elementary and the Dupont Circle Citizens Association, to purchase books, computers, and enrichment programs at the Jewish Community Center and the YMCA;

WHEREAS, Principal Smith has been so effective in recruiting volunteers to tutor her students in English as a second language and in other subjects that over 100 tutors each week support a student body of 180;

WHEREAS, Principal Smith has expanded the traditional PTA to include non-parent community members into an innovative Parents, Teachers, and Community Association;

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WHEREAS, seeing an opportunity to redesign the playground to improve safety, provide adequate play equipment for all ages, and create an environmentally friendly playground surface, Principal Smith encouraged and authorized the formation of a playground committee consisting of school staff, parents, community activists, and community specialists to design a new playground and raise funds for its construction; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Principal Smith's vision to encourage parents with children under four years of age to plan to send their children to John Ross Elementary School, the redesigned playground contains equipment suitable for two to three year olds and will be open to the public on weekends and non-school weekdays where these children will finally have a safe place to play in the Dupont Circle neighborhood.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution shall be cited as the "Principal Gloria Smith Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends Principal Gloria Smith for 29 years of dedicated service to the District of Columbia Public Schools, including six years as Principal of John Ross Elementary School.

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 29, 2004

To recognize the achievement of Askia Muhammad as host for thirty years of "Yardbird Sweets," the Tuesday morning Drive-Time Jazz program on WPFW 89.3 FM and to declare August 29, 2004 as "Askia Muhammad Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Askia Muhammad hails from South Park, the Los Angeles neighborhood that produced such legendary musical talent as Charlie Parker, Charles Mingus, and Howard McGhee;

WHEREAS, Muhammad is the regular host of the jazz radio show "Yardbird Sweets," named after the "Yardbird Suite," the famous recording by Charlie Parker, and has hosted the Tuesday morning radio show for 25 years, since March 27, 1979;

WHEREAS, Muhammad has been a journalist in the nation's capital since 1977, reporting on White House, Capitol Hill, and District of Columbia affairs;

WHEREAS, Muhammad is an award-winning broadcaster whose work has been featured in many stations in the Capital area, including National Public Radio and C-SPAN; and

WHEREAS, Askia Muhammad is celebrating 25 years of hosting "Yardbird Sweets" on August 29, 2004, the 85th birthday of the great Charlie Parker.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Askia Muhammad Day Declaration Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates Askia Muhammad on 25 years of excellent broadcasting and hosting the "Yardbird Sweets" jazz program and furthermore declares August 29, 2004 as "Askia Muhammad 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

June 29, 2004

To recognize and honor Ed Rudzinski for his leadership in running the city's largest hotel, the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, as General Manager, employing over 1,000 people.

WHEREAS, Ed Rudzinski has provided countless hours and concerted effort to bring the Marriott Hospitality Public Charter High School to excellence as the chair of the school's board of trustees;

WHEREAS, Ed Rudzinski has mentored over 140 students at the Marriott Hospitality Public Charter High School;

WHEREAS, Ed Rudzinski has served as an ambassador of goodwill and an advocate for quality education on the boards of the D.C. Chamber of Commerce, Hotel Association of Washington, D.C., and the Washington D.C. Convention & Tourism Corporation;

WHEREAS, Ed Rudzinski has aided in educating the Washington, D.C., area about the versatility and economic importance of the hospitality and tourism industry to Washington, D.C., by encouraging open communication and creating strong relationships with the media; and

WHEREAS, Ed Rudzinski has achieved the 2003 "General Manager of the Year" award by the Hotel Association of Washington, D.C.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Ed Rudzinski for his contribution as General Manager of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, and his service to the hospitality industry in 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 29, 2004

To posthumously recognize Wilmer Fields for his contributions to the Negro Leagues and for his community service and lifetime achievements.

WHEREAS, Wilmer Fields, a Manassas, Virginia native and son of a farmer who grew up in the era of segregated sports, was star pitcher and third baseman for the Homestead Grays, Washington D.C.'s team in the Negro Leagues, from 1939 to 1950, and played on eight championship teams in the Negro Leagues;

WHEREAS, Fields was a member of the Negro League East-West All Star team in 1948, won the Venezuelan Batting Title in 1951-52, the Venezuelan Triple Crown in 1952-53, and was an unprecedented eight-time Most Valuable Player in various leagues;

WHEREAS, Fields authored *My Life in the Negro Leagues: An Autobiography*, which provided a first-hand account of the Negro League players and of his life as a traveling baseball player;

WHEREAS, Fields was President of the Negro Leagues Baseball Players Association, overseeing the pension established for former players and working to perpetuate the League's place in American culture;

WHEREAS, Fields later organized baseball games for prison inmates and worked as an alcohol counselor; and

WHEREAS, Wilmer Fields passed away on June 4, 2004, at the age of 81.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the memory of Wilmer Fields, recognizes his lifetime achievements, his community service, and his efforts to maintain the legacy of the Negro Leagues alive in American culture.

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