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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 6, 2004

To recognize and honor Ms. Rosa Parks for her singular contribution to the Civil Rights Movement.

WHEREAS, Rosa Louise McCauley was born on February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Alabama;

WHEREAS, until she reached the age of eleven, Ms. Rosa Parks was raised by her mother, Ms. Leona McCauley and her maternal grandparents in Alabama;

WHEREAS, Ms. Rosa Parks attended the Montgomery Industrial School for Girls in Montgomery, Alabama;

WHEREAS, in 1932, Ms. Rosa Parks married Mr. Raymond Parks, to whom she stayed married until the death of Mr. Parks in 1977;

WHEREAS, Ms. Rosa Parks worked as a Seamstress at a department store in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955;

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1955, Ms. Rosa Parks, in a famous act of courage, refused to give up her seat in a "Whites Only" section of a bus in Montgomery, Alabama;

WHEREAS, Ms. Rosa Parks was arrested for her act of defiance;

WHEREAS, shortly after the arrest of Ms. Parks, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., then a pastor at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, helped to organize a protest of the segregated bus system;

WHEREAS, Ms. Rosa Parks's action sparked a boycott by African-Americans of the Montgomery bus system;

WHEREAS, over 40,000 African-Americans boycotted the bus system for 381 days;

WHEREAS, a federal court ordered the desegregation of the Montgomery bus system;

WHEREAS, on November 13, 1956, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the segregation of the Montgomery bus system was unlawful;

WHEREAS, Ms. Rosa Parks's courageous act of civil disobedience deserves to be recognized as a turning point in American history and in the history of Civil Rights in America;

WHEREAS, in 1999, Ms. Rosa Parks received the Congressional Medal of Honor for her heroism;

WHEREAS, in December of 2000, the Rosa Parks museum was dedicated at Troy State University in Montgomery, Alabama;

WHEREAS, Ms. Rosa Parks lives in Detroit, Michigan and Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2004, Ms. Rosa Parks turned 91 years-old.

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

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors Ms. Rosa Parks.

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

April 6, 2004

To recognize the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sarah's Circle, and to declare May 14, 2004 as "Sarah's Circle Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Sarah's Circle, a nonprofit organization incorporated in 1983 to provide affordable housing and support services for low-income seniors, annually serves more than 150 seniors in the District of Columbia, most of whom live on incomes far below the poverty level;

WHEREAS, Sarah's Circle operates an independent living residence with 34 units and a Wellness Center for disadvantaged seniors at 2551 17th Street, N.W., in Adams Morgan, Ward One;

WHEREAS, Sarah's Circle collaborates with various District government agencies to provide a supportive community with enriched programs that enable seniors of limited means to live in dignity in an environment which nurtures their intellectual, social, spiritual, and physical well-being;

WHEREAS, Sarah's Circle has earned community-wide support for its mission and programs, including financial, in-kind and volunteer support from 194 corporations, 124 foundations, 142 churches, 26 nonprofit groups, and more than 5,600 individuals;

WHEREAS, Sarah's Circle received the MetLife Foundation's award for excellence in housing in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Sarah's Circle celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a Gala on May 14, 2004 at the Organization of American States.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sarah's Circle Day Recognition Resolution of 2004".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Sarah's Circle for its excellent record of providing care and community to seniors of limited means, congratulates Sarah's Circle for its 20 years of service; and furthermore declares May 14, 2004 as "Sarah's Circle 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

April 6, 2004

To recognize the University of the District of Columbia in conjunction with the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) Day on March 24, 2004.

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia was chartered in 1974 as the only urban land grant college in the nation;

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia was formed as a result of the merger of the District of Columbia Teachers College, the Federal City College and the Washington Technical Institute;

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia maintains an open enrollment policy and serves a diverse student body represented by 25 nations;

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia in an effort to reach out to the local community is sponsoring UDC Day;

WHEREAS, UDC Day is an opportunity for all to learn about the value of Postsecondary education and all of the various forms it can take, from the associate degree to the baccalaureate degree, from vocational education and training certification to the Juris Doctorate degree;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "University of the District of Columbia (UDC) Day Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the University of the District of Columbia on the occasion of UDC Day and for the valuable contribution it has made to the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 6, 2004

To recognize and honor William H. Rumsey, Jr., in conjunction with his retirement from the Government of the District of Columbia on March 12, 2004.

WHEREAS, William H. Rumsey, Jr., was born in the District of Columbia on August 10, 1947 to Lenora and William H. Rumsey, Sr.;

WHEREAS, William H. Rumsey, Jr., followed the well-blazed path and legacy of William H. Rumsey, Sr., as an accomplished civil servant, avid swimmer, and friend to all;

WHEREAS, William H. Rumsey, Jr., was educated in the public school system of the District of Columbia and went on to further his education by earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1980, and a Master of Public Administration degree in 1991, both from American University;

WHEREAS, William H. Rumsey, Jr., began his career with the Government of the District of Columbia in as an Investigator for the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs in 1974;

WHEREAS, William H. Rumsey, Jr., went on to serve the city with distinction in the positions of Program Manager, Office of Recycling, District of Columbia Department of Public Works; Policy Analyst, Office of Policy and Program Evaluation, Executive Office of the Mayor; and Chief, Office of Water Conservation, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority;

WHEREAS, William H. Rumsey, Jr., joined the Office of Council Chairman Linda W. Cropp and served as her Executive Assistant from 1996 until retirement;

WHEREAS, William H. Rumsey, Jr., is an advocate and champion for a number of civic and social organizations, and is proud of his affiliation with Food and Friends, YMCA of the National Capital Region, Foundation for Educational/DC Link and Learn, Chesapeake Bay Program Local Government Advisory Committee, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi

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Fraternity, the Epsilon Boulé, and others;

WHEREAS, William H. Rumsey, Jr., has stressed the importance of education to young people and serves as an Associate Adjunct Professor of Graduate Studies at Southeastern University; and

WHEREAS, William H. Rumsey, Jr., is the proud husband of Terry Cornwell Rumsey and nurturing father of William, III.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "William H. Rumsey, Jr., Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors William H. Rumsey, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement 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

April 6, 2004

To commend the achievements of Mr. Charles W. DeBoe, a longtime District of Columbia resident, on the occasion of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

WHEREAS, Charles W. DeBoe graduated from Westinghouse High School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Mr. DeBoe earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh School of Business and a Masters in Public Administration from American University after completing a case study on the operation and management of the Bureau of Foreign Commerce within the U.S. Department of Commerce;

WHEREAS, Mr. DeBoe has been married for 51 years to Doris Broome DeBoe of Memphis, Tennessee;

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. DeBoe have resided at 703 Quackenbos Street, N.W., in Ward 4, for over 40 years;

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. DeBoe have raised three adult daughters, Kathy DeBoe, Christy DeBoe Hicks and Sheri DeBoe Johnson, two of whom graduated from District of Columbia Public Schools, and all of whom are well established in their chosen professions;

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. DeBoe are the proud grandparents of Lindsay Hicks and Maya Johnson;

WHEREAS, Mr. DeBoe's diverse career background includes 30 years of work for the National Security Agency of the Department of Defense as a crypto analyst, intelligence analyst, reference librarian, and supervisor, as well as one year as a staff member for a Presidential Commission to review the federal retirement system;

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WHEREAS, Mr. DeBoe has been an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church, located at Piney Branch Road and Dahlia Street, N.W., in Ward 4, for 4 decades, during which time he has held many leadership positions, including a term on the Vestry, and has been instrumental in establishing a number of programs at the church, including a performing arts experience for young people in the church and surrounding community, which continued for several years in the early 1970s;

WHEREAS, Mr. DeBoe has worked in Ward 4 for the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics, serving as a poll worker for the past 12 years and as a precinct captain for 5 years;

WHEREAS, Mr. DeBoe is an active member of numerous organizations including Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Pittsburgers Club of Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DeBoe was honored in 2002 in Accra, Ghana, for his role in establishing and supporting Fredina Tours, a successful tourist company in Ghana, and, as part of the ceremony, was wrapped in a ceremonial kente cloth and made an honorary tribal chief.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the contribution of Mr. Charles W. DeBoe as a father, resident, friend, and mentor in the District, and joins his family in honoring his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

April 6, 2004

To recognize and honor Marie Johns, in conjunction with her retirement as President of Verizon Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS, Ms. Marie Johns has been an engaged business leader in the Washington metropolitan region for nearly 20 years;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johns has worked to enhance and improve the District's viability on several fronts, particularly in efforts related to strengthening education, health care and economic development systems in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, during her tenure as President of Verizon, Ms. Johns was instrumental in the effort to obtain a \$10 million grant for the DC Public Schools to implement a school to careers reform initiative; helped develop DC Reads, a literacy coalition that provides support to programs that offer leadership, training, and development; spearheaded a Verizon sponsored program called SEEDS (Students Educated for Economic Development Success) that trains out of school youth for jobs in the information technology industry; decreased the digital divide in underserved communities by providing computer workstations in recreation centers in all eight Wards throughout the District; served as a director of a nonprofit organization that provided funding for every public school and library in the District to install cabling to provide high speed connections to the Internet and local computer networks; brought together committed members of business organizations, educational institutions, nonprofit entities and the government to form the Washington DC Technology Council, where she served as its Founding Chair and also helped create the Verizon branded Georgia Avenue Business Resource Center, which has become a leading, District-wide provider of technical assistance to small businesses and nonprofit organizations to level the playing field for neighborhood-based businesses.

WHEREAS, Ms. Johns is currently a mayoral appointee to the National Capital Revitalization Corporation, a Trustee of Howard University, on the Boards of Directors for the DC Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Club of Washington, the International Women's

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Forum and an Emeritus Trustee for the Federal City Council. Ms. Johns also is on the Advisory Board for Adonix, Inc., and is a member of the Senior Board of Stewards of the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church;

WHEREAS, Ms. Johns has served as a member of the Advisory Board of the United States Department of Energy's Electricity Advisory Board and was a member of the Board of Directors for the Greater Washington Board of Trade. In addition, Ms. Johns is past chair of the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington Board of Directors, past President of the DC Chamber of Commerce, past Chair of Leadership Washington and former co-chair of the District's Youth Investment Council; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Johns is the recipient of over 100 awards for her business and civic leadership, Ms. Johns was also presented with an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Trinity College in May 1999, named as one of the 100 Most Powerful Women by Washingtonian Magazine in 1999 and 2001, named Alumnus of the Year from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs in May 2003, honored as one of the Twenty-five Most Influential Black Women in Business by the Network Journal in April 2003, received the Corporate Responsibility Award from Black Women's Agenda for her outstanding leadership in September 2003, and was selected as one of Profiles in Diversity Journal's 2003 Women of Initiative.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be ited as the "Marie Johns Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Marie Johns, on the occasion of her retirement and for the valuable contribution she 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

April 6, 2004

To recognize Project 2000 Inc., in conjunction with its 10th Anniversary on May 15, 2004.

WHEREAS, Project 2000 Inc., is an academic educational and mentoring organization dedicated to providing students with after-school assistance in Language Arts, Mathematics, Computers and other subjects;

WHEREAS, Project 2000 Inc., serves students of the Southeast quadrant of the District of Columbia with a high concentration of participants residing in the Woodland Terrace Housing Development;

WHEREAS, Project 2000 Inc., utilizes a stringent approach of school visitation and involvement with the students on a twenty-four hour, seven days a week basis;

WHEREAS, Project 2000 Inc., works to increase and maintain student grade point averages at least to a 2.50 in order to qualify for acceptance to college;

WHEREAS, Project 2000 Inc., guarantees all students a \$100 per month scholarship for their freshman year in college and \$4,000 over four years; and

WHEREAS, Project 2000 Inc., is celebrating its 10th Anniversary.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Project 2000 Inc. 10th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Project 2000 Inc., for the valuable contribution it has made to the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 6, 2004

To acknowledge and celebrate the 80th birthday of Lorraine C. Sapp.

WHEREAS, Lorraine C. Sapp was born on January 18, 1924;

WHEREAS, Lorraine C. Sapp and the late James L. Sapp entered into holy matrimony on December 10, 1949. Out of this union were born three children: Jean, Joan and Jacqueline;

WHEREAS, Lorraine C. Sapp has been a resident of Ward 7 for more than 40 years where she has been active in such civic affairs as President of Davis Elementary School's PTA and member of the 45th Place Block Club;

WHEREAS, by profession, Lorraine C. Sapp was an outstanding educator and private music instructor. As music instructor, she nurtured the talents of several accomplished musicians including a Grammy-award winner;

WHEREAS, in addition to being an accomplished educator and music instructor, Lorraine C. Sapp was herself, a gifted musician;

WHEREAS, Lorraine C. Sapp was the first (and only) African American Harpist in the National Capital Harp Ensemble;

WHEREAS, Lorraine C. Sapp performed socially with the Washington Civic Symphony and in local productions of "The Fantasticks: Porgy and Bess, A Little Night Music"; and

WHEREAS, the Council thanks Lorraine Sapp for her unrelenting commitment to ward 7, and urges her to continue strengthening her resolve as we endure in our mutual quest to improve the quality of life for all of the people in our great city.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Lorraine C. Sapp 80th Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia is proud to recognize Lorraine C. Sapp as an outstanding citizen 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

April 6, 2004

To recognize Mrs. Marion W. Jones on her 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Marion W. Jones was born on March 29, 1918 in Swickley, Pennsylvania to the parents Frank W., and Grace Whitlock;

WHEREAS, Frank W., and Grace Whitlock had 8 children;

WHEREAS Mrs. Jones attended Virginia State University where she was crowned Ms. Virginia State;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones came to Washington, D.C., where she met her wonderful late husband, Clifton W. Jones, a native Washingtonian;

WHEREAS, tragically after six months of marriage, he left this earth, with his wife four months pregnant with their daughter, Cliftine Jones;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was a successful real estate broker in Washington, D.C., for many years;

WHEREAS, family and friends describe Mrs. Jones as a giving, generous, inspirational and courageous woman;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones has been a member of Asbury United Methodist Church for fifty-two years; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes Mrs. Jones all the best on her 86th birthday and a very speedy recovery and recuperation.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Mrs. Marion W. Jones 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Mrs. Marion W. Jones on the occasion of her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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

April 6, 2004

To recognize the J. W Marriott Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue in conjunction with it's "ELEVENTH ANNUAL TEN WHO ARE TEN" Foundation Scholarship Grants Awarded to the 101st-110th District of Columbia Public School students.

WHEREAS, ten 10-year olds, from the District of Columbia Public School System will be awarded a \$2,500 scholarship grant for college by the J.W. Marriott Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue upon graduation from high school;

WHEREAS, a total of 110 young people will have been so honored since the "10 Who Are 10" competition's inception coinciding with the 10th anniversary of the opening of the J. W. Marriott Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue in 1994;

WHEREAS, the success of the competition is owing to the extraordinary dedication of the principals, teachers and counselors, who participated in this, the eleventh anniversary year of the "10 Who Are 10 Competition";

WHEREAS, the J.W. Marriott Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue and other Marriott and Renaissance Hotels in the District of Columbia are spiritedly serving this community and our public school system with the "Eleventh Annual 10 Who Are 10 Foundation Scholarship Grants"; and

WHEREAS, the ten remarkable 10-year-olds from the District of Columbia School System are recognized for their academic excellence and creative interpretation of the 2004 theme: "I'd Give Anything to Be...."

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ten Who Are Ten Foundation Scholarship Grants Award Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the J.W. Marriott Hotel's "10 Who Are 10 Day" in the District of Columbia on May 19, 2004 and its selfless devotion to community services with 21 years of leadership in the hospitality industry.

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

April 6, 2004

To recognize the ProBiz Committee in conjunction with its third annual Metropolitan Washington Procurement Conference - ProBiz 2004, on May 11, 2004.

WHEREAS, the ProBiz Committee has taken the responsibility for coordinating the Metropolitan Washington Area Procurement Conference;

WHEREAS, the ProBiz Committee is working on partnerships toward providing more contract opportunities to small businesses, providing better procurement tools to assist small businesses, expanding and refining the procurement tools currently in place to allow more flexibility in specific small business programs, and making the overall system more user-friendly to the small business community;

WHEREAS, the ProBiz Committee is committed to helping small businesses, whether women-owned, small disadvantaged, or businesses in other categories, to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the ProBiz Metropolitan Washington Procurement Conference is in the best interest of the small business owners in the District of Columbia and the Metropolitan Washington Area, and the ProBiz Committee will bring together District of Columbia purchasing officials and procurement officers representing local governments; school boards; agencies; private contractors; and prime contractors from throughout the Metropolitan Washington area to provide valuable information about business lines and upcoming opportunities;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution maybe cit as the "ProBiz Metropolitan Washington Procurement Conrence Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors ProBiz Metropolitan Washington on the occasion of its Metropolitan Washington Procurement Conference and for the valuable contribution it has made to the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 6, 2004

To recognize the Smooth and Easy Hand Dance Institute and the National Hand Dance Association for a resurgence and popularity of Hand Dance in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Hand Dance is a popular, vibrant renewal of music and dancing originating from the 1950's and 1960's and passed on to successive generations;

WHEREAS, the art of Hand Dance was created, developed, promoted, expanded, and has been sustained in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance promotes physical and mental health through a safe and low impact aerobic exercise for people of all ages;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance has encouraged cross-generation and cross-social/economic interactions, thereby helping to foster a strong, inclusive and diverse community;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance helps youth develop the physical skills of agility, coordination, and flexibility and the social skills of cooperation, conflict resolution, consideration and respect;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance has and continues to generate tax revenue from the entrepreneurship associated with the art of hand dance;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance venues throughout the Metropolitan area are places where one can go and feel comfortable and safe;

WHEREAS, Hand Dance is an art form with myriad steps and different foot patterns which, in conjunction with many turns and body movements, requires time, practice and much effort;

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WHEREAS, unlike many forms of dance and styles of music, Hand Dance will and shall survive in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Smooth and Easy, Hand Dance Institute ("SEZ"), with the support of the National Hand Dance Association ("NHDA"), has served as a catalyst for the resurgence and popularity of Hand Dance both locally and nationally, due almost solely to the hard work and dedication of the SEZ and NHDA, hand dance is recognized and sanctioned as swing dance and is included in swing dance events throughout the United States.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "District of Columbia Hand Dance Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia, congratulates all those who have contributed to keeping the Hand Dance legacy preserved and for achieving national recognition in this endeavor. The Council of the District of Columbia urges all District residents to learn, practice and Hand Dance.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 16, 2004

To recognize and preserve the cultural history and heritage of the District of Columbia and to formally recognize April 16th as an important day in the history of the District of Columbia and the United States.

WHEREAS, on April 16, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed into federal law the "District of Columbia Emancipation Act" ending the bondage of 3,100 slaves in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2000, at the Twenty Seventh Legislative Session of the Council of the District of Columbia, Councilmember Vincent B. Orange, Sr. (D-Ward 5) took the historic step of authoring and introducing with Carol Schwartz (R-At large) the District of Columbia Emancipation Day Emergency Act of 2000, making April 16<sup>th</sup> a private legal holiday in which private and public employees in the city would be permitted to use any paid or unpaid leave to celebrate the occasion. The bill was passed unanimously by the Council;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2000, Mayor Anthony A. Williams signed the legislation into law;

WHEREAS, to properly preserve the historical and cultural significance of the District of Columbia Emancipation Day, Councilmember Orange hosted a celebration program on April 16, 2000 at the historic 15<sup>th</sup> Street Presbyterian Church;

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2002, Councilmember Orange returned, after a one hundred year absence, the Emancipation Day Parade, including activities and fireworks to Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., and Freedom Plaza;

WHEREAS, the 2004 Emancipation Day Parade and activities on April 16th will symbolize for many African-Americans the triumph of the human spirit over the cruelty of slavery; and

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WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia pays homage to the thousands of enslaved Americans for their courage, efforts and determination, and to President Abraham Lincoln who began the process of recognizing and ending this injustice by freeing from bondage thousands of African Americans in the District of Columbia and abolishing slavery in the nations's capital.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds this day an appropriate time to reflect on how far America has come since the era of slavery; but, most importantly it reminds us that we must reaffirm our efforts to forge a more just and unified country that truly reflects the ideals of our founders and the highest aspirations of our people.

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

April 6, 2004

To recognize the George Washington University and its Medical Center on the occasion of the Inaugural Gala of its Cancer Institute on Friday, April 2, 2004.

WHEREAS, this gala is a fundraiser to promote the goal of integrating and coordinating the broad spectrum of cancer-related activities in an urban medical center environment;

WHEREAS, the George Washington University Cancer Institute has a multi-disciplinary approach in addressing the problem of cancer disparities in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, the George Washington University Cancer Institute guided by the vision and leadership of Provost and Vice President for Health Affairs John F. Williams, M.D., Ed.D., M.P.H., will continually strive to be on the forefront regarding diagnosis and treatment of cancer and the people it affects;

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Steven R. Patierno, Ph.D., the George Washington University Cancer Institute will use state of the art research, education, clinical care and community outreach initiatives to untangle the causes of cancer's unequal burden; and

WHEREAS, the George Washington University Cancer Institute and its affiliated partners are dedicated to improving the quality of life that affects all cancer patients.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the " George Washington University Cancer Institute Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, salutes and congratulates the George Washington University Cancer Institute for the valuable contribution to the improvement in the quality of life for cancer patients in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 6, 2004

To recognize and support the *Cover the Uninsured Week* campaign, as it seeks to reverse this disturbing trend and ensure that all Americans have access to affordable health coverage, private or public, and to declare the week of May 10-16, 2004 as "Cover the Uninsured Week 2004" in the District Columbia .

WHEREAS, rising health care costs continue to undermine the ability of individuals, businesses and state governments to purchase health care coverage;

WHEREAS, 44 million Americans currently not have health care coverage, including 8.5 million children;

WHEREAS, eight out of ten of the uninsured are in working families that cannot afford health insurance and are not eligible for public programs;

WHEREAS, uninsured Americans live sicker and die younger because they are forced to go without the health care they need;

WHEREAS, a slow economy, higher unemployment and rising health costs mean that more Americans are becoming uninsured in our community and around the country;

WHEREAS, medical bills are a leading cause of bankruptcy and are cited as a reason for half of all personal bankruptcy filings; and

WHEREAS, being uninsured means going without care when it is needed and minor illnesses become major ones because care is delayed.

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

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the urgency of seeking solutions to one of America's greatest problems, and hereby declare our support for *Cover the Uninsured Week* in Washington, D.C., encourages participation of all citizens in the various *Week* activities, and declares May 10-16, 2004 as "Cover the Uninsured Week 2004" 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

April 6, 2004

To recognize and honor My Sister's Place on its 25th Anniversary of providing services to survivors of domestic violence in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, My Sister's Place has dedicated itself to providing much-needed support to survivors of domestic violence;

WHEREAS, My Sister's Place uses its emergency shelter and direct service programs to assist women in meeting the needs of their children and in taking back control of their own lives;

WHEREAS, My Sister's Place partners with the clergy, police and medical personnel to aid in identifying, and then responding appropriately to abused women and their children;

WHEREAS, My Sister's Place provided the same level of counseling to over 1,200 Latina victims of domestic violence in the District through its Casa Gabriela Mistral program which employs bilingual staff;

WHEREAS, My Sister's Place has achieved impressive results with 90% of shelter residents who have been enrolled for 3 months, getting a job, participating in job training or going to school; 75% of clients do not return to their abusers; 80% of children in the program are better able to cope with the trauma of their circumstances; 80% of mothers in the program learned to help their children overcome the devastating effects of witnessing abuse against their mothers; and 5,000 women receive information and counseling on domestic violence from clergy, medical personnel, police and Latino agencies trained each year by My Sister's Place;

WHEREAS, My Sister's Place's Director, Judith Bennett-Sattler, was named by Washingtonian Magazine as one of its Washingtonians of the Year for 2003 for her good work on behalf of battered women and their children in the District; and

WHEREAS, My Sister's Place celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of helping abused women and their families on April 2, 2004.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "My Sister's Place 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors My Sister's Place on its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of providing services to survivors of domestic 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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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 6, 2004

To recognize and honor the career, accomplishments and dedication of Leslie A. Hotaling on her retirement from the Government of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling is the Director of the District of Columbia Department of Public Works;

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling was raised on Long Island, New York;

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling received simultaneous Bachelors and Masters degrees, in Policy Analysis and Urban and Policy Sciences respectively, from the State University of New York at Stony Brook;

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling moved to Washington, D.C., and began a lifelong career with the District government in 1978;

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling's first assignment was as a management analyst on a team which created the Bureau of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Adjudication;

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling served on the team that reorganized the then-Departments of Environmental Services, General Services and Transportation into the Department of Public Works in 1983;

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling, during her tenure with DPW, has served as Policy Development Specialist and Chief of Staff for the Public Space Maintenance Administration; Special Assistant to the Director of DPW; Chief of Operations and Administrator of the Solid Waste Management Administration; Deputy Director for Strategic Planning; and culminating as Interim Director, Acting Director and Director of DPW;

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling was in the first class of George Washington University's Center for Excellence in Municipal Management in 1997 and attended the Harvard University

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Kennedy School of Government's program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government in 2000;

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling lives in the Ward 1 community with her partner Patti Miller and their two dogs;

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling is an avid softball player and year-round golfer, and secretly desires to be a golf pro;

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling, in her 25 years of public service to the citizens of the District of Columbia has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to the city;

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling is a clear role model for the youth of the District and a testament that hard work and dedication to the job at hand are rewarding and fulfilling;

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling's Directorship has proven that the Executive and Legislative branches of our government can partner together to improve service delivery to its citizens;

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling's retirement from government service will be effective April 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Hotaling will retire with her partner to the mountains of West Virginia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Leslie A. Hotaling Retirement Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors the career and retirement of a true public servant, Leslie A. Hotaling.

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

April 6, 2004

To acknowledge and honor the achievements of Delonte Taylor an honor student, mentor, civic volunteer and basketball player.

WHEREAS, Delonte Taylor is an honor student with a 3.60 grade point average at Howard Dilworth Woodson Senior High School in Washington, District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Delonte stays busy as an honor student and basketball player, he also works with his mother Germaine and father Delonte to mentor students for computer skills, recreational activities and educational skills;

WHEREAS; Delonte has maintained a straight average in the subjects of mathematics, literature, college preparation, physical education and government for two consecutive years during his high school tenure;

WHEREAS, Delonte is recognized as an outstanding basketball player, playing defense for H.D. Woodson Senior High School Warriors sharing an average of 28 points each game;

WHEREAS, Delonte is respected by his peers, friends and colleagues as a student athlete, honor student, participant in extra curricula activities, having a great sense of humor and they enjoy being around him;

WHEREAS, Delonte has served as a community volunteer for the Department of Parks and Recreation for 2 years; and

WHEREAS, Delonte has been recognized and received many awards, certificates, and trophies for basketball, he is focused on his future education at an institution of higher learning that will meet his career requirements starting the fall of 2004.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be sited as the "Delonte Taylor Outstanding Achievements Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates and salutes Delonte Taylor for his outstanding services and achievements in the District of Columbia, and for working with his school, H.D. Woodson High School, school colleagues, and the community.

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