

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 2, 2004

To recognize and honor Mr. Jorge Shaffick Handal of the Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional (FMLN) party, for his advocacy and commitment for democracy and social justice in El Salvador; and to declare February 10, 2004 as "Jorge Shaffick Handal and Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional (FMLN) Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

WHEREAS, Jorge Shaffick Handal was part of the negotiating team that led to the peace agreement in El Salvador in January 1992;

WHEREAS, Jorge Shaffick Handal is a warm light for Salvadoran communities, locally and abroad, for many others to follow;

WHEREAS, Jorge Shaffick Handal has been advocating for social justice and democracy in El Salvador for its citizens for over 40 years;

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

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

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Jorge Shaffick Handal and Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional (FMLN) Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds the work of Mr. Jorge Shaffick Handal, the presidential candidate of the Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional (FMLN), a legally constituted political party in El Salvadore, and presents this resolution in recognition of Mr. Handel's contributions to democracy and social justice in El Salvadore, and declares February 10, 2004 as the "Jorge Shaffick Handal and Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional (FMLN) Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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To recognize and honor Evandy White who at age 87 proudly accepted his high school diploma on Sunday, January 11, 2004.

WHEREAS, Evandy White, a Ward Eight resident since 1995, recently completed the requirements for his High School Diploma at the Breakthrough Bible College, the only one of three senior citizen students to complete the nine-month equivalency course;

WHEREAS, Evandy White was born in Warrington, Florida on July 12, 1916, and more than 70 years ago dropped out of school to help his father support his eight brothers and sisters in Pensacola, Florida;

WHEREAS, Evandy White stood for justice in spite of several threats on his life by purveyors of injustice and prejudice while living in the south;

WHEREAS, Evandy White married the late Olivia Tinder White and together they had one child, Evandalene White Dorsey, an elementary school educator in Prince Georges County who has three daughters all with advanced degrees;

WHEREAS, Evandy White educated his daughter and three grandchildren and never stopped encouraging them to "Get all of the education that you can";

WHEREAS, Evandy White continued to work tirelessly for many years to support his family and remained active in and loyal to his church family as a Deacon, sang in the senior and male choirs and traveled with the White Brother's Quartet; and

WHEREAS, Evandy White has never forgotten about the other seniors and youth in our community, and has always provided a helping hand wherever needed to support others.

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

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors Evandy White for earning his high school diploma at the age of 87.

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

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To recognize and honor the Nineteenth Annual Blood Pressure Program of Greater Southeast Community Hospital.

WHEREAS, Greater Southeast Community Hospital will be celebrating nineteen years of community outreach for its Neighborhood Blood Pressure Program;

WHEREAS, this event at Greater Southeast Community Hospital will honor the one hundred twenty volunteers and church pastors who have tirelessly provided blood pressure screenings at their churches and community sites;

WHEREAS, Blood Pressure is the force applied against the walls of the arteries as the heart pumps blood through the body;

WHEREAS, pressure is determined by the force and amount of blood pumped and the size and flexibility of the arteries;

WHEREAS, untreated high blood pressure is a major contributor to heart disease, strokes, kidney failure and is one of the leading causes of premature disability and death;

WHEREAS, high blood pressure can be prevented and controlled by encouraging healthy diets, exercise and the use of screening services; and

WHEREAS, working together to prevent and control high blood pressure will enable the residents of our city to live longer healthier and more productive lives.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Greater Southeast Community Hospital Neighborhood Blood Pressure Program Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and salutes the efforts of Greater Southeast Community Hospital and the many volunteers who provide blood pressure screenings to the residents of the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 2, 2004

To recognize and celebrate the 30th birthday of the Latin American Youth Center, and to declare April 1, 2004 as "Latin American Youth Center Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Latin American Youth Center, Inc., located at 1419 Columbia Road, N.W., in Ward One was incorporated in 1974 for the purpose of serving at-risk Latino youth;

WHEREAS, the guiding principle of the Latin American Youth Center is "Strong Youth, Strong Families, Strong Futures, Strong Communities";

WHEREAS, the Latin American Youth Center, Inc., annually serves over 5,000 children, youth, and families through its educational, workforce, social service, creative enterprise and advocacy programs;

WHEREAS, the Latin American Youth Center helps provide youth and families with the education, skills, training and support they need to live, work, and study with dignity, hope, and joy; and

WHEREAS, the Latin American Youth Center is celebrating its 30th birthday by hosting a variety of special events and activities in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL of THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Latin American Youth Center 30th Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the Board of Trustees on its three decades of sound stewardship; applauds the Latin American Youth Center for its long-term efforts in promoting social justice for youth by fostering the development of critical thinking and leadership skills; and declares April 1, 2004 as "Latin American Youth Center 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

March 2, 2004

To recognize and honor the Honorable Frank Smith, Jr., in conjunction with his retirement on January 2, 2004.

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., a native of the state of Georgia began his esteemed career of service as an organizer in the Civil Rights Movement;

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., attended the Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia studying Political Science and received a Ph. D. in Urban Planning from the Union Graduate School in San Francisco, California;

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., came to the District of Columbia after receiving a fellowship with the Institute of Policy Studies and served as a housing advocate and civic activist in the Adams Morgan neighborhood of Ward 1;

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., was elected as one of the first Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners and was subsequently elected to the District of Columbia Board of Education in 1978;

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., was elected to the Council of the District of Columbia in 1982;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Frank Smith, Jr., championed the issues of affordable housing for low and moderate income residents, the comprehensive plan, tenant rights, and other areas involving housing and land use;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Frank Smith, Jr., has become well known for his efforts to plan, fund, develop and publicize a monument to African American Soldiers of the Civil War; and

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Frank Smith, Jr., joined the District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development as a special assistant for Monuments, Museums and Commemorative Works and advised the government on the placement of museums, monuments and statutes.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Honorable Frank Smith, Jr., Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the Honorable Frank Smith, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the District of Columbia government on January 2, 2004, and for the valuable contribution he has made to the District of Columbia.

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