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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 7, 2003

To recognize and honor Specialist Darryl T. Dent for his courage and heroism.

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent was born in Halifax County, North Carolina on June 2, 1982;

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent was the youngest of three children born to Mr. Vernon Dent;

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent grew up in Seaboard, North Carolina and moved to Washington, D.C., in 1996;

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent graduated from Roosevelt High School in Washington, D.C., in 2000;

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent was responsible for filming school football games while a student at Roosevelt High School;

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent was an avid reader who also liked playing video games, watching basketball and driving automobiles;

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent joined the JROTC at Roosevelt High School;

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent was voted King of the Roosevelt High School JROTC homecoming parade and cadet ball by his fellow cadets during his senior year;

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent rose to battalion sergeant major in the JROTC, the highest rank possible;

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent presided over a triannual inspection by the District of Columbia's JROTC headquarters of the Roosevelt High School JROTC program and its cadets;

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent joined the District of Columbia National Guard in 1999;

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent was assigned to the Army National Guard's 547th Transportation Company, based in Washington, D.C.;

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WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent was called to active service as part of the coalition forces fighting to bring stability and security to Iraq;

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent's convoy was attacked northwest of Baghdad;

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent was fatally wounded in this attack; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Darryl T. Dent bravely gave his life in protection of the people of Iraq and his fellow American and coalition servicemen and servicewomen.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Specialist Darryl T. Dent Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors Specialist Darryl T. Dent.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize Leo Pinson, a resident of Ward 6, who saw the need to be instrumental in improving the quality of life in his community not only for himself but all of Ward 6, who pursued and was granted the position of Neighborhood Services Coordinator in the Office of Neighborhood Services, and to declare Tuesday, October 7, 2003, "Leo Pinson Appreciation Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Leo Pinson served as the Neighborhood Service Coordinator for Ward 6 for three years; with the help of the Neighborhood Services Core Team, made sweeping changes to troubled neighborhoods such as Sursum-Corda, where many families faced public safety, social services, and quality of life issues, the Greenleaf Annex in Southwest where residents sought help in conquering blighted conditions, traffic improvement, and suspect liquor sales; the Rosedale neighborhood, an area where drug trafficking, vacant properties, and illegal dumping, was a daily norm for residents, just to name a few;

WHEREAS, Leo Pinson opened up the lines of communication, was instrumental in providing much needed dialog between the residents and the District government agencies;

WHEREAS, Leo Pinson's dedication and thorough approach to his position should serve as a model for District employees for years to come;

WHEREAS, Leo Pinson is active in Patrol Service Area 106, where he currently resides and has been active for more than four years; and

WHEREAS, Leo Pinson was so concerned about public safety that he joined the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Reserve Corps in 2001.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Leo Pinson Appreciation Day Declaration Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds this an appropriate time to recognize and honor Leo Pinson, and to declare October 7, "Leo Pinson Appreciation 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 salute, recognize and honor the William J. Jeffers on the occasion of his being recognized for a lifetime of achievement of 57 years in the funeral business and in conjunction to his 78th birthday.

WHEREAS, William J. Jeffers graduated from the Simmons School of Mortuary Science in Syracuse, New York;

WHEREAS, William J. Jeffers William J. Jeffers relocated to the District of Columbia with his family in 1957 and has dedicated 54 years of his professional life to the mortuary sciences;

WHEREAS, William J. Jeffers served with distinction on a number of prestigious boards and commissions, most notably the DC Board of Funeral Directors. He is a lifetime member of the Mortuary fraternity Epsilon Nu Delta and the Lions Club. He served in several national and local positions with the Independent Funeral Directors Association, serving also on the National Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, William J. Jeffers has enjoyed a long and distinguished tenure with the Fraziers Funeral Home where he has mentored, tutored and served as a positive role model for many mortuary science school graduates throughout the nation and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, earning him the nickname of "Dean of DC Funeral Directors".

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "William J. Jeffers Lifetime Achievement Award and 78th Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors William J. Jeffers on the occasion of his Lifetime Achievement Award, his 78th Birthday, 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

October 7, 2003

To salute Adult Learners and Adult Education Programs who serve the need to improve literacy skills as they hold "Literacy Walk 2003" on Saturday, October 11, 2003.

WHEREAS, Adult Learners stand among the most courageous contributors to the cultural and civic fabric of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, adult literacy opportunities have been expanded to provide thousands of individuals with adult education classes to enhance their literacy, computer and English skills; and

WHEREAS, the University of the District of Columbia, the State Education Agency, Adult Education and the Booker T. Washington Public Charter School work on behalf of the community to create affordable learning alternatives so that residents have the opportunity to reach their professional and personal literacy goals as the State Education Agency implements the 2001-2004 State Plan for Adult Education in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Adult Learners, Adult Education Program Providers, University of the District of Columbia, State Education Agency, Adult Education and the Booker T. Washington Public Charter School Acknowledgment of the Third Annual Walk for Literacy Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates and salutes adult learners and adult education program providers in the District of Columbia for their advocacy on behalf of adult education in the District of Columbia, and the adult learners who have spoken out at the Council hearings and other forums about the need for, and benefits of, adult literacy 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

October 7, 2003

To acknowledge and celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Arthur Southerland, Jr., and Mary Melissa Southerland on October 4, 2003.

WHEREAS, Arthur Southerland Jr., and Mary Melissa Marable met in English 101 at North Carolina A&T College in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1948;

WHEREAS, Arthur Southerland Jr., and Mary Melissa Marable completed their undergraduate studies at North Carolina A&T in 1952 where Arthur received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and Mary received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secretary Science;

WHEREAS, Arthur Southerland Jr., and Mary Melissa Marable were married on October 4, 1953 in Bennettsville, South Carolina;

WHEREAS, Arthur Southerland Jr., and Mary Melissa Southerland moved from Portsmouth, Virginia to Washington, D.C., in 1963, and the family has lived in Ward 7 since December of 1965;

WHEREAS, the union has been blessed with five children and eight grandchildren;

WHEREAS, to continue their professional development, both Arthur and Melissa did graduate studies. Arthur received a MS degree in Engineering Administration from George Washington University in 1978 and Mary did graduate work in Media Science and Early Childhood Education at Maryland University and D.C. Teacher's College;

WHEREAS, Arthur Southerland Jr., and Mary Melissa Southerland have many years of distinguished service in various capacities in both the public and private sector. Arthur began his career at the Norfolk Navel Shipyard as a Design Engineer in 1955 and retired in 1985 as Supervisor in the Ocean Engineering and Ships Handling Systems Branch after 33 years of

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service . He holds patents for submersible vehicle and personnel transfer capsule handling systems;

WHEREAS, Mary was employed as a Title I Mathematics Resource Specialist for several years in the D.C. Public School system, as Director of New Redeemer Day Care Center, and as co-owner and manager of Learning Ideas school supplies store. She has been involved with personal income taxes for more than 25 years;

WHEREAS, Arthur Southerland Jr., and Mary Melissa Southerland have participated in several civic activities in the metropolitan area. They are affiliates of the following organizations: Asbury United Methodist Church, the Boys Scouts of America, Christmas in April, Hyattsville/Landover Kappa Alpha Psi Alumni Chapter, E-Wives, Hyattsville/Landover Silhouettes, Washington Alumni Chapter of North Carolina A&T State University; and

WHEREAS, it gives the Council great pleasure to present this written acknowledgement of their efforts to the broader District of Columbia community. Arthur Southerland Jr. and Mary Melissa Southerland continue to be a vital part of the fabric of this city as they commit to community and family. There is no more noble undertaking than that which seeks to engender a spirit of coalescence. Thanks for continuing to be a good neighbor.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Arthur Southerland, Jr. and Mary Melissa Southerland 50th Anniversary Recognition and Celebration Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia is honored to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of the marriage between Arthur Southerland, Jr. and Melissa Southerland on October 4, 2003.

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

October 7, 2003

To recognize and honor the Washington Freedom's 2003 championship season, to express disappointment about the recent suspension of operations by the Women's United Soccer Association, and to support efforts to ensure the continuation of women's professional soccer games at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2003, the Washington Freedom defeated the Atlanta Beat 2-1 in overtime at the Founders Cup III, the women's professional soccer league's championship match-

WHEREAS, Abby Wambach, one of the bright young stars of U.S. women's soccer, scored the winning goal for the Freedom in the sixth minute of overtime of the championship game;

WHEREAS, the Washington Freedom, under the leadership of Coach Jim Gabarra and Co-Captain Mia Hamm, has been a team of outstanding soccer players with sensational skills and passionate persistence, whose professional athletic triumphs have brought pride and a sense of unity to millions of fans throughout the District, the region, and the nation;

WHEREAS, the success of the Washington Freedom has filled the stands at their home field at RFK Stadium in the District, leading the Women's United Soccer Association ("WUSA") in attendance in each of its three seasons, bringing together thousands of diverse Washingtonians to cheer and celebrate, and showcasing RFK as an ideal soccer stadium, thereby generating revenues to the District government;

WHEREAS, in September 2003, the WUSA announced the immediate suspension of its operations due to economic reasons; and

WHEREAS, WUSA executives and players are currently working to identify ways to resume operations of a women's professional soccer league in the United States.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "WUSA Washington Freedom Champions Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the Washington Freedom team on its 2003 championship season. The Council recognizes and honors the Washington Freedom for inspiring thousands of children to learn and enjoy soccer, and for giving Washingtonians a united cause for which to support and cheer. The Council expresses disappointment about the recent suspension of WUSA operations and supports efforts to ensure that women's professional soccer continues to be played in the United States, especially at RFK Stadium 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

October 7, 2003

To recognize and honor Alfonso L. Freeman on this occasion for community service given to the citizens of Ward 8 and the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Alfonso L. Freeman was born on June 28, 1933 in Washington, D.C., to the late Olivia and Albert Freeman;

WHEREAS, Alfonso L. Freeman grew up in Northeast Washington, D.C., and attended D.C. Public Schools;

WHEREAS, Alfonso L. Freeman resided in Southeast Washington, D.C., for fifty-two years;

WHEREAS, Alfonso L. Freeman has been an active member of Bethesda Baptist Church since he was an infant;

WHEREAS, Alfonso L. Freeman led the fight in his area to reduce drug and alcohol use; was a strong advocate for dealing with substance abuse as a health problem and not a criminal one; and lobbied for treatment on demand;

WHEREAS, Alfonso L. Freeman honorably served for fourteen years as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in various roles in Commission 8A;

WHEREAS, Alfonso L. Freeman has been an active member of the Ward 8 Democrats for many years; and

WHEREAS, Alfonso L. Freeman was a member of various boards, commissions and councils including: the State Mental Health Commission; the National Capitol Development Corporation; the Anacostia Coordinating Council; the Ward 8 Business Council; the Max Robinson Center Advisory Board; the Coalition for the Prevention of Homelessness; and the East of the River Community Development Corporation.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Alfonso L. Freeman Community Service Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors and salutes Alfonso L. Freeman for his outstanding community accomplishments 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

October 7, 2003

To recognize and honor the hospitals in the District of Columbia, along with their administrators and their staff in recognition of Hospital Recognition Day in the District of Columbia, on November 13, 2003.

WHEREAS, hospitals in the District of Columbia, their leaders and employees, are dedicated to their longstanding missions to serve their communities by always responding with professionalism, heroism and compassion in caring for all in need of medical assistance;

WHEREAS, hospitals of the District of Columbia continue to provide an annual average of over \$150 million in comprehensive health care to the uninsured and individuals who have no ability to pay for their care; and

WHEREAS, hospital leaders and many more than 22,000 hospital employees in the District of Columbia share their time and expertise by serving on numerous city-wide and neighborhood committees, task forces and organizations to improve the health care delivery system.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Hospital Appreciation Day Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes the Hospitals of the District of Columbia and for their many contributions and continued commitment to their communities and our society.

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 posthumously Charles L. Reischel, Deputy Corporation Counsel for the Appellate Division of the Office of Corporation Counsel, for his 23 years of service to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Charles L. Reischel was born in Boston, Massachusetts, graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School, and won a scholarship to attend Cambridge's University's Emmanuel College in England;

WHEREAS, while at Harvard College, Charles L. Reischel played on the college football team and was selected the Unsung Hero Award for New England in 1963 by the Boston Sportswriters;

WHEREAS, prior to his service with the Office of Corporation Counsel, Charles L. Reischel served for eight years with great distinction at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission;

WHEREAS, in 1980, Charles L. Reischel began his 23 years of service with the Appellate Division of the District of Columbia Office of Corporation Counsel;

WHEREAS, during Charles L. Reischel's tenure with the Appellate Division of the Office of Corporation Counsel, he represented the District in a staggering number of appellate court cases, his name appearing as the District's counsel in over 1800 appellate court decisions;

WHEREAS, Charles L. Reischel's broad knowledge of the law, uncommonly good judgement, and profound insight resulted in significant court decisions in favor of the District government saving the District's taxpayers millions of dollars;

WHEREAS, in addition to his legal skills, Charles L. Reischel was an effective manager and mentor, evident by the high moral and low attrition of the Appellate Division;

WHEREAS, Charles L. Reischel was known as the District's lawyers' lawyer, the one to whom everyone from distinguished Corporation Counsel to the newest trial lawyers turned for legal advice;

WHEREAS, in 1991, Charles L. Reischel was award the Beatrice Rosenberg Award by the District of Columbia Bar for outstanding government service;

WHEREAS, Charles L. Reischel's professional and communities activities have included serving as part-time General Counsel to the Committee on lawyer Admissions for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, editing the District of Columbia Bar's *Manual on Appellate Practice*, and assisting the less fortunate and enriching the education of District children;

WHEREAS, in the Spring of 2002, Charles L. Reischel was diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease; and

WHEREAS, as a measure of the esteem in which Charles L. Reischel is held, in the Fall 2002 ALS Walk, his team "Chuck's Champions" won two Golden Shoe Awards, one for most participants and the other for the most contributions to fight this debilitating disease.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as "Charles L. Reischel Public Service Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia posthumously recognizes and honors Charles L. Reischel, a devoted public servant, for his outstanding public service 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.