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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 5, 2008

To recognize the contributions of Rose Kaplan, the Area 3 Director for the Social Security Administration, for her commitment, dedication, and support to the senior residents of Ward 4 in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Rose Kaplan started her career in 1964 with the Social Security Administration as a General Service Clerk working in the typing pool in Washington, D.C., transcribing taped hearing decisions, and, in 1965, was transferred to the Charlottesville, Virginia field office, where she worked as an account clerk and receptionist;

WHEREAS, after 4 years and receiving a promotion to Service Representative, she requested a transfer to the Alexandria, Virginia office to be with her husband then stationed at the Marine Corps base in Quantico, Virginia;

WHEREAS, Rose Kaplan, in 1969, after the birth of her son, resigned from the Social Security Administration and devoted her attention to that son and her husband, then serving in Vietnam;

WHEREAS, in 1973, Rose Kaplan was rehired by the Social Security Administration as a General Service 4 Budget Clerk, and thus began her stellar career at the Social Security Administration;

WHEREAS, in 1974, Rose Kaplan volunteered to assist the new Social Security Administration I Office in Baltimore, Maryland, helping with the workload in the downtown Baltimore office, and received her permanent transfer to that office as a Service Representative;

WHEREAS, in 1975, Rose Kaplan was promoted to Claims Representative;

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WHEREAS, Rose Kaplan has worked in the Silver Spring, Maryland office, as well as the Washington, D.C. office, helping the seniors in Ward 4 and the Greater Washington area, at the old 8th Street office in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Rose Kaplan was promoted to branch manager in Manassas, Virginia in 1980 and served in that capacity at the Ft. Lincoln office in Washington, D.C. and in the Rockville, Maryland office;

WHEREAS, Rose Kaplan, due to her outstanding abilities, was promoted to Assistant District Manager in the Camp Springs, Maryland office in 1992;

WHEREAS, her skill and abilities were recognized once again by the Social Security Administration in 1995, when she was promoted to Level I Deputy Manager, and in 2000, when she was promoted to Director;

WHEREAS, Rose Kaplan has served as the Area 3 Director since April 2003 to the present, receiving 4 Philadelphia Regional Commissioner's Citations, and one New York Regional Commissioner's Citation in recognition of her assistance with the development of the September 11, 2001 Internet Memorial Site;

WHEREAS, Rose Kaplan has been honored by the Baltimore Federal Executive Board as the 2002 Federal Women of the Year and the prestigious Commissioner's Team Award for her efforts in designing the process for expediting claims submitted by military personnel serving abroad after having been severely injured while on active duty;

WHEREAS, Rose Kaplan has had a distinguished 40 years with the Social Security Administration, receiving more than 13 citations and service awards, serving on numerous committees, and advancing the efforts of the Social Security Administration, to the benefit of Ward 4 senior residents of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia recognizes the tremendous contributions of Rose Kaplan for her work with seniors in Ward 4.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Rose Kaplan Recognition Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Rose Kaplan for her contribution and dedication to the betterment of our seniors and this community.

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To recognize and celebrate the 101st birthday of Mrs. Ruth Simms, a native Washingtonian, and to declare January 17, 2008, as "Mrs. Ruth Simms Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruth Simms was born Ruth Hawkins to Mr. James and Mrs. Josephine Hawkins on January 17, 1907;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruth Simms attended Love Joy School and is an alumnus of Armstrong High School;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruth Simms married Mr. Walter Simms, now deceased, and lived her entire life in Northeast, Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruth Simms is now a resident of Colony House, 930 Farragut Street, N.W., where her friends and family have planned her 101st birthday celebration for Saturday, January 19, 2008;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruth Simms has been a lifelong member of Park Road Community Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruth Simms retired from the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory after more than 30 years of public service.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Mrs. Ruth Simms Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Mrs. Ruth Simms for her longevity and for her contributions to the city and the citizens of the District of Columbia, and declares January 17, 2008, as "Mrs. Ruth Simms 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 honor and congratulate Charlie "Mr. Wonderful" Brotman on the occasion of his 80th birthday and recognize a longtime community leader for his numerous contributions to the citizens of the District of Columbia, and to declare January 22, 2008, as "Charlie Brotman Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Charlie "Mr. Wonderful" Brotman is a native Washingtonian born and raised in Ward 5;

WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman has distinguished himself as the longtime announcer of the Washington Senators and the announcer of the Presidential Inaugural Parades since 1957;

WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman has been inducted into 10 "Hall of Fames," including the Washington Sports Stars, where his name is forever embossed in the Nationals Stadium;

WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman has worked tirelessly, bringing his special enthusiasm to numerous community service projects in the District;

WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman has been a radio personality in the District for 50 years and is still going strong at the age of 80 years old; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman has become known as "Mr. Wonderful" due to his great personality and love for humanity.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Charlie 'Mr. Wonderful' Brotman Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia wishes "Mr. Wonderful" a happy 80th birthday and declares January 22, 2008, as "Charlie Brotman 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

February 5, 2008

To recognize and honor the District of Columbia School Counselors Association in conjunction with its Annual Luncheon, and to declare February 4 through 8, 2008, as "National School Counseling Week" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, February 4 - 8, 2008, is designated National School Counseling Week, with the theme "School Counselors: Creating Pathways to Success," and offers school counselors the ideal opportunity to tout the important work that they do;

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential;

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development;

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal, and social growth of their children;

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves;

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, Professional School Counselors are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school by producing and coordinating comprehensive developmental school counseling programs.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "National School Counseling Week Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates the District of Columbia School Counselors Association for the valuable contribution it has made to our students and residents and declares February 4 through 8, 2008 as "National School Counseling Week" 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

February 5, 2008

To recognize the Chinese community in the District of Columbia for its generous and valued contributions to the social, cultural, and political life of the city, to honor the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association for its sponsorship of the parade to celebrate the Year of the Rat, and to declare February 7, 2008, as “Chinese Lunar New Year 4706, Year of the Rat Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Chinese people have lived in the District of Columbia as a community since 1884, when nearly 100 immigrants settled near 3rd Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., and remained until 1935, when the settlement area moved to its current location along H Street, N.W., which is commonly known as “Chinatown”;

WHEREAS, today there are more than 40 Chinese businesses and some 1,000 Chinese residents in Chinatown, which serves as the center of health care, dining, and shopping for the 40,000 Chinese residents in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, Chinatown is a unique cultural and social center for the District of Columbia, providing visitors with a taste of Chinese culture;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia’s commitment to the Chinese community continues as the government strives to improve services for the Chinese community through the establishment of the Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, the Metropolitan Police Department’s Asian Liaison Unit in Chinatown, and the new Chinatown Community Cultural Center, which we salute;

WHEREAS, thousands of District of Columbia residents will gather along H and 7th Streets, N.W., on Sunday, February 10, 2008, to enjoy the dragon-led parade and celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year;

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WHEREAS, the annual anniversary celebration and parade for the Chinese Lunar New Year, sponsored by the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, is nationally known as one of the finest celebrations of color, art, and pageantry; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese community welcomes our neighbors, the Washington, DC Convention & Tourism Corporation, the Convention Center, the Verizon Center, Gallery Place, and many others whose partnerships promote and enhance the economic, social, and cultural opportunities for the residents of Washington, D.C., to achieve the vision and objectives set forth in the Downtown Comprehensive Plan for a living downtown.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Chinese Lunar New Year 4706, Year of the Rat Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes the Chinese community of the District of Columbia and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association for its many contributions to the social, economic, cultural, and political life of the city, honors the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association for its sponsorship of the parade to celebrate the Chinese New Year, and declares February 7, 2008, as "Chinese Lunar New Year 4706, Year of the Rat 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

February 5, 2008

To recognize the U.S. Virgin Islands' contributions as an integral part of the United States and declare February 26, 2008, as "Virgin Island Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Virgin Islands has been an integral part of the United States since its acquisition from Denmark in 1917;

WHEREAS, citizens of the Virgin Islands have, throughout the years, made many valuable contributions to the history, culture, and defense of the United States;

WHEREAS, citizens of the Virgin Islands, like the citizens of the District of Columbia, do not have voting representation in the United States Congress and must petition Congress through their non-voting Delegate to the House of Representatives or directly through lobbying Members of Congress;

WHEREAS, the people of the Virgin Islands and the people of the District of Columbia share common ideals and support mutual efforts to ensure greater participation in the nation's political processes; and

WHEREAS, Governor John P. de Jongh, Jr., and Lt. Governor Gregory Francis of the U.S. Virgin Islands have organized a day of special events in Washington, D.C. on February 26, 2008, including the celebration of the Territory's "Alexander Hamilton Distinguished Public Service Awards" given to 2 public servants in recognition of their contributions to the life of the nation and who exemplify the ideals of Alexander Hamilton, a distinguished son of the Virgin Islands.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "U.S. Virgin Islands Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and appreciates the U.S. Virgin Islands' contributions and its position as an integral part of the United States and declares February 26, 2008, as "Virgin Island 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

February 5, 2008

To recognize Secretary of Emigrants' Affairs of Ecuador Lorena Escudero Durán and to declare January 24, 2008, as "Lorena Escudero Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Lorena Escudero represented the Government of Ecuador on behalf of President Rafael Correa Delgado in the launching of the "Plan of Return" (Plan Retorno) for Ecuadorians living in the District of Columbia and around the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Lorena Escudero, by invitation of the Federation of Ecuadorian Entities Abroad (FEDEE Worldwide and DC/MD/VA Chapter), will launch this important project in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Lorena Escudero became the first woman to head the Ministry of Emigrants' Affairs of Ecuador;

WHEREAS, Lorena Escudero played a crucial role in the development of the "Plan of Return" (Plan Retorno) for Ecuadorians living abroad;

WHEREAS, Lorena Escudero pioneered efforts to expand benefits aimed to improve the development of Ecuadorians living abroad;

WHEREAS, Lorena Escudero is leading the efforts of the Ecuadorian government to work in an effort to improve the quality of life of Ecuadorians residing in the District of Columbia and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Lorena Escudero has shown interest in working closely with the Federation of Ecuadorian Entities Abroad (FEDEE Worldwide and DC/MD/VA Chapter), the most representative of the Ecuadorian Organizations that selflessly serves to provide quality community services to Ecuadorians and other minorities of the District of Columbia and surrounding metropolitan area.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Lorena Escudero Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Lorena Escudero and declares January 24, 2008, as "Lorena Escudero 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

February 5, 2008

To posthumously honor the life of Queen Ester Thompson and to recognize her contributions to the social history of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Queen Ester Thompson, her 5 sisters, and 4 brothers were educated in the Blackstone Virginia Public School System, and later relocated to the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, Queen Ester Thompson became an iconic figure in the District of Columbia through her outstanding culinary ability, style, and flare, beginning her long and distinguished career in the early 60's at the famous "Casbah" on U Street, N.W., and later becoming the manager of "Rocky's" nightclub and restaurant;

WHEREAS, Queen Ester Thompson was known and loved by thousands of appreciative night club patrons for her considerate nature, patience, beauty, and attractive personality;

WHEREAS, Queen Ester Thompson was widely viewed as one of the most successful club managers in the Washington metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, Queen Ester Thompson eventually took her talent and skill for entertainment management and opened her own highly successful lounge, "Orbit Lounge," from 1978-1985, on Alabama Avenue, S.E., and followed that by opening French Underground, Greenwich Lounge, and Villa Nova on Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, Queen Ester Thompson spent the last 17 years of her life absorbed in what she cherished the most, providing before- and after-care for school-age children, nurturing them, and providing a sterling example for them to emulate.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Queen Ester Thompson Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2008".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes honors and celebrates the life and contributions to the social history of the District of Columbia of Queen Ester Thompson.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 5, 2008

To honor Joseph "Joe" Johnson for his past, present, and future dedication to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Johnson is being honored on February 1, 2008, for his dedication and support for many programs and families east of the river;

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Johnson will be celebrating his 57th birthday on February 1, 2008;

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Johnson was born in Hanesville, Louisiana, and is married with 2 children, a son and a daughter;

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Johnson formed the Johnson Companies in 1989;

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Johnson over the years has been supportive financially and physically to various programs and organizations, including the Children of Mine Youth & Families Program, Ballou's Marching Band, Woodland Tiger Ball Team, Unifest, Park Southern Seniors Program, Park Southern Apartments Youth Program, Inspired By God Network, New Mount Olive Outreach Ministry, Parkside Terrace Summer Youth Programs and Vacation Bible School, Park Southern Neighborhood Corporation, and the United Women In Christ Street Ministry;

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Johnson has supported DC Statehood, Stand Up for Democracy Coalition, provided a pre-training site for CCA employment opportunities as well as offered his assistance to the 2006 Thanksgiving for Green Elementary School Head Start, Union Temple "Invest In You" Banquet, Park Southern Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Celebration, Ward Eight Harvest Ball and Democrats Red and White Ball, former Councilmember Sandy Allen's Annual Thanksgiving Give-A-Way, and provided funds for Thanksgiving turkeys for Allen Chapel Church;

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WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Johnson provided several families in the District of Columbia with emergency funds to avoid eviction from their homes; and

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" Johnson continues to make a difference in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF THE COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Joseph "Joe" Johnson Recognition Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates the 57th birthday of Joseph "Joe" Johnson and his past, present, and future achievements.

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

February 5, 2008

To honor Ira P. Blount for his outstanding contribution to the arts in Ward 7 and the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Ira Phillips Blount is 89 years old and a resident of Ward 7;

WHEREAS, Ira Blount, born August 17, 1918, attended LeMoyne College in his hometown of Memphis, Tennessee, and Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, and moved to the District of Columbia in 1946 after serving in the U.S. Army during World War II;

WHEREAS, Ira Blount's interest in crafts started during childhood, and was mastered over the years to include basket wheat weaving, beadwork, wood-craving, handmade books, calligraphy, quilting, paper cutting and folding, photography, papermaking, tin punching, and origami;

WHEREAS, Ira Blount's work has been displayed at the Smithsonian Anacostia Museum, Martin L. King Jr. Library, the Sumner School, Children's Hospital of Washington, D.C., the Banneker/Douglas Museum in Annapolis, Maryland, and the Ellipse Gallery in Arlington, Virginia;

WHEREAS, Ira Blount is a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church, and has contributed to the following: the Jacob's Ladder Quilt to create a visual history quilt for the church commemorating its significant milestones, in addition to creating certificates for baptisms and marriages; the Hand Bell Choir, where, as a founding member, he teaches quilting classes to benefit seniors who use his art as lap quilts; and the Worship Committee, where he serves as a chair for the Food Pantry;

WHEREAS, Ira Blount is a member of the Sons and Daughters of Dorcas, a historic quilting group with more than 100 members;

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WHEREAS, Ira Blount has inspired many to try the creative process by conducting workshops at shelters, schools, community centers, and museums for special celebrations;

WHEREAS, Ira Blount was invited to participate in a panel on aging led by Ossie Davis at the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Ira Blount, with agile hands and a creative mind, has created artwork not only for his own peace of mind, but also for the viewing enjoyment and pleasure of others throughout the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ira Blount Creative Hands Creating Life Through Art Ceremonial Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the life and achievements of Ira Blount.

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

February 5, 2008

To posthumously recognize and honor the humanitarian spirit of Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson, and to declare January 30, 2008, as "Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson was born to Coleman and Estelle Tuckson in Washington, D.C., on September 2, 1923, raised in the shadow of Howard University in Ward 1, and attended the District of Columbia Public Schools;

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson attended Armstrong High School, where he was active in the Cadet Corps, and arose from humble beginnings to be the first person in his family to attend college;

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson studied at Howard University's undergraduate school and the College of Dentistry, graduating with a D.D.S. degree;

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson was appointed as an "instructor" in oral surgery at the College of Dentistry in 1948, after only serving a one-year internship in oral surgery at the Freedmen's Hospital, currently known as Howard University Hospital;

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson served continuously as a faculty member of Howard University College of Dentistry until his retirement in 1986 as the Associate Dean for Advanced Education, Research and Special Projects and while maintaining his teaching duties at Howard University College of Dentistry, Dr. Tuckson also studied at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Medicine and was awarded the M.SC. Degree in dental radiology;

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson established the Department of Oral Diagnosis and Radiology at the College of Dentistry in 1962, and as a professor and chairman of this department, played a significant role in the professional training of African-American dentists in the United States over the course of his 38-year career;

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WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson achieved great stature in his profession, serving as the first African-American president of the American Academy of Dental Radiology, President of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, President of the National Honor Society in dentistry's Omicron Kappa Upsilon's Pi Pi Chapter, and Chairman of the American Dental Association's Section on Dental Radiology;

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson was awarded 6 certificates for postgraduate studies and published often and widely in leading dental journals;

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson was an enthusiastic member of the United States Air Force Reserves for 23 years, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel;

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson was a consultant and director of dental radiology courses at several military institutions, a national consultant in dental radiology to the Surgeon General of the Air Force, and was appointed to the Food and Drug Administration's Medical Radiology Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson was well known for his sports photography and was well loved by the fraternity of sports photographers;

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson was associated with the Washington Afro-American newspaper and various other local photographic outlets, documenting major professional and college sporting events for almost 50 years;

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson was a proud member of the National Press Club and an award winner from the White House Press Photographers Association;

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson was an avid drummer and a devoted jazz fan, and when not at sports venues, he would often be found wherever the music was happening;

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson was a devoted member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church for 60 years, in addition to being an active member of the Doric Lodge Number 19 F & AM Prince Hall Affiliation and was a 33rd Degree Mason;

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson was a member and regular participant of the Imperial Council of the Shriners, acting as a consultant to their medical support teams;

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WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson, immersed in the fabric of his society, participated in the Epsilon Boule of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity; the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; the Friendship Fire Association; the Century Club; the Consorts; the D.C. Chapter of the Guardsmen; the Army Navy Club; and the Tuskegee Airmen; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson is survived and deeply loved by his wife, Evelyn; 2 sons, Reed V. Tuckson, M.D. (Margie Malone Tuckson), Wayne B. Tuckson, M.D. (Brenda Blanks Tuckson); god-children the Reverend Michele V. Hagans, Blanche E. Stephens, and Burt E. Jackson, Jr.; grandchildren Kobie, Nia, Dominic, Lance, and Wayne Lee; great-grandchildren Kobie Jr. and Keyon; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson Posthumous Recognition and Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates the life of Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson and his contributions to public service, and declares January 30, 2008, as "Dr. Coleman Reed Tuckson Day" in the District of Columbia.

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February 5, 2008

To declare February 14, 2008, as “National Donor Day” in the District of Columbia to raise awareness about how to become a donor of organs, tissues, marrow, and blood, and the importance of being a donor.

WHEREAS, an organ donation can save the lives of up to 8 people and a tissue donation can enhance the lives of up to 50 people;

WHEREAS, living donors may donate a kidney, stem cells, blood, and platelets, as well as portions of a liver, a lung, the intestines, or the pancreas;

WHEREAS, a donor, upon death, may donate kidneys, pancreas, liver, lungs, heart, intestines, various tissues, including corneas, skin, cartilage, tendons, and ligaments, or the whole body;

WHEREAS, as of January 2008, there are over 97,000 people in the nation on the donor list waiting for a transplant;

WHEREAS, as of January 2008, 74,123 individuals in the United States are awaiting a kidney transplant, 16,602 a liver transplant, 2,686 a heart transplant, 2,267 a kidney/pancreas transplant, 1,631 a pancreas transplant, 220 a lung transplant, and 103 a heart/lung transplant;

WHEREAS, 23,703 individuals received organ transplants between January and October of 2007;

WHEREAS, heart disease, obesity, and diabetes put individuals at risk for organ failure and can eventually lead to the need of an organ transplant;

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WHEREAS, minorities have a greater need for organ transplants because some diseases, such as kidney, heart, lung, pancreas, and liver, are more prevalent among ethnic and racial minorities; and

WHEREAS, in the District, most people over 18 years of age may register to be organ and tissue donors.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “National Donor Day Declaration Resolution of 2008”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby declares February 14, 2008, as “National Donor Day” in the District of Columbia and encourages District residents to donate critical life-saving organs, tissue, blood, and marrow.

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

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February 5, 2008

To recognize and support the *Give Kids A Smile Day* campaign as it promotes regular oral health care in underserved areas, and to declare February 1, 2008, as "Give Kids A Smile Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the American Dental Association created the Give Kids A Smile campaign to build support for public and private solutions that will help underserved children get regular oral health care;

WHEREAS, untreated dental problems often result in pain, infection, and low self-esteem among children, and are a leading cause of school absenteeism;

WHEREAS, DC Health Families provides comprehensive preventative dental care for children up to age 21 who live at or below 300% of the federal poverty line;

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2008, District Medicaid increased funding for child dental services by \$9.8 million;

WHEREAS, brushing teeth twice a day, flossing daily, and regularly scheduled dentist appointments are essential to establishing good oral hygiene at a young age and avoiding chronic disease as an adult;

WHEREAS, this year, the District of Columbia Dental Society and Howard University will host a Give Kids A Smile event at the Howard University Dental School;

WHEREAS, in 2007, Give Kids A Smile events took place at approximately 2,250 locations across the nation, with some 39,000 dental team volunteers, including over 14,000 dentists, providing free services to over 758,000 underserved children;

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Give Kids A Smile campaign administered \$75,000 in dental care services to District children; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the emotional and physical benefits of early oral hygiene education.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Give Kids A Smile Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares February 1, 2008, as "Give Kids A Smile 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

February 5, 2008

To recognize February 2008 as “American Heart Month” in the District of Columbia to raise awareness about the prevalence of heart disease nationwide and in the District, and to make individuals aware of the measures they can take to reduce the risk of heart disease.

WHEREAS, heart disease is a series of abnormal conditions affecting the heart and the blood vessels surrounding the heart;

WHEREAS, heart disease is the leading cause of death and a major cause of disability in the United States;

WHEREAS, in 2001, heart disease was the No. 1 cause of death in the District of Columbia, accounting for 30% of all mortalities;

WHEREAS, in 2004, the District of Columbia had the 6th highest rate of heart disease in the nation;

WHEREAS, in 2004, 1,544 individuals died from heart disease in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, four of the 10 most expensive health conditions to United States employers are related to heart disease;

WHEREAS, many of the risk factors for heart disease are preventable or can be controlled; and

WHEREAS, individuals can reduce the risk of heart disease by lowering cholesterol, not smoking, controlling blood pressure, and exercising.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “American Heart Month Declaration Resolution of 2008”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby declares February as “American Heart Month” in the District of Columbia and supports the promotion of practices that help District residents decrease their chances of heart disease.

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

February 5, 2008

To recognize, honor, and celebrate the contributions of Dr. Juan Romagoza in the District of Columbia and to declare February 1, 2008, as "Dr. Juan Romagoza Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Council congratulates Dr. Juan Romagoza on his retirement from La Clínica del Pueblo after 20 years of service;

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes and commends Dr. Juan Romagoza for dedicating his life to healthcare access for all residents of the District of Columbia and to healthcare as a basic human right;

WHEREAS, Dr. Juan Romagoza is a tireless advocate for the Latino community, fearlessly representing refugee El Salvadorans and other Central Americans in their quest for recognition and civil rights;

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the key role that Dr. Juan Romagoza played in the development of city programs and policies such as the DC Healthcare Alliance and the DC Language Access Act to ensure that the city is a welcoming place for all of its residents;

WHEREAS, Dr. Juan Romagoza has developed La Clínica del Pueblo to be a thriving community health center that serves thousands of District of Columbia residents each year with vital, holistic health services; and

WHEREAS, the Council appreciates the countless ways that Dr. Juan Romagoza has changed our city for the better and inspired us all to work for positive change.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. Juan Romagoza Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates the contributions of Dr. Juan Romagoza, and declares February 1, 2008, as "Dr. Juan Romagoza Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

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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

February 5, 2008

To commemorate the Ecuadorian Dual Nationality Day in the District of Columbia, and to declare January 24, 2008, as "Ecuadorian Dual Nationality Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Ecuador, in its article 10, second clause, indicates that all Ecuadorians by birth who acquires a second nationality will keep the Ecuadorian citizenship;

WHEREAS, the constitutional reform was adopted by the Honorable National Congress of Ecuador on January 24, 1995;

WHEREAS, the bill was published in the National Official Register, Number 618 on January 24, 1995;

WHEREAS, the Honorable National Congress of Ecuador declared "January 24th of each year as the Dual Nationality Day";

WHEREAS, the passing of this bill by the Honorable National Congress of Ecuador was concluded successfully thanks to the efforts of the Federación de Entidades Ecuatorianas en el Exterior (Federation of Ecuadorian Entities Abroad);

WHEREAS, the copy of the Declaration was presented to the Federación de Entidades Ecuatorianas en el Exterior (Federation of Ecuadorian Entities Abroad);

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the cultural and economic contributions of the Ecuadorian Community; and

WHEREAS, the Ecuadorian Dual Nationality Day 2008 will be January 24, 2008.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA That this resolution may be cited as the "Ecuadorian Dual Nationality Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby celebrates the Ecuadorian Dual Nationality Day 2008, and declares January 24, 2008, as "Ecuadorian Dual Nationality 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

February 5, 2008

To recognize the contributions of Anita Josey-Herring, Presiding Judge of the Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for her commitment, dedication, and support to the parents and youth in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring, while working full-time as a paralegal specialist with the United States Department of Labor, graduated from Georgetown Law Center's Evening Division in 1987;

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring, upon graduation, held the position of "judicial clerkship" with the Honorable Herbert B. Dixon, Jr., Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, a position that allowed her to work on a variety of civil law issues, including family law, contract disputes, and landlord and tenant issues;

WHEREAS, in 1988, Anita Josey-Herring joined the District of Columbia Public Defender Service as a staff attorney, and while serving in the Trial Division in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, began to take the cases that dealt with youth, misdemeanors, and felonies;

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring, recognized for her skill, was given permission to serve in the Public Defender Service's Appellate Division, arguing cases before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals;

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring, in 1994, was appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Public Defender Service to the position of Deputy Director of the agency;

WHEREAS, in 1997, Anita Josey-Herring was appointed Associate Judge to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring, in October 2001, was appointed by the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to serve as the Deputy Presiding Judge of the

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Family Division, now known as the Family Court, and shared responsibilities for managing the daily affairs of Family Court, including the assignments of 30 other judges;

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring, while serving as the Deputy Presiding Judge in the Family Division was instrumental in the reorganization and transition of the Family Division that lead to the implementation of the Family Court Act of 2001;

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring helped lead the implementation of the “one judge, one family” case management approach, which has helped to transform how cases are treated throughout the Family Court;

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring, while serving on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia’s Domestic Violence Task Force was instrumental, as the Co-Chair of the Treatment Subcommittee, for directing the development of treatment plans for children, for victims, and for batterers of domestic violence;

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring has presided over the Family Treatment Court calendar since it was initiated;

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring has lead numerous initiatives, chaired various committees, like the Family Court’s Juvenile Subcommittee for 4 years, and developed the Attorney Practice Standards for Counsel Representing Juveniles charged with delinquency or as persons needing supervision;

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring initiated the establishment of the Juvenile Sex Offender Program presently managed by the Social Services Division of the Family Court, which is specifically designed to reduce recidivism;

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Judge Anita Josey-Herring, the Omnibus Juvenile Justice Act of 2004 was enacted, which substantially changed substantive and procedural law affecting juveniles in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring has worked tirelessly and collaboratively with District agencies to help coordinate the delivery of services to and for our children and their parents;

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring has lead numerous initiatives to improve the quality of justice and service to litigants and attorneys;

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring has led the Truancy Prevention Program at Kramer Middle School in Southeast, Washington, D.C., and the Truancy Prevention Program at Garnett

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Patterson Middle School in Northwest Washington, D.C., while chairing the District's Truancy Task Force;

WHEREAS, Anita Josey-Herring has spent her career in the preservation of our families and the well-being of our youth, having served and continuing to serve the residents of the great city of Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia recognizes the tremendous contributions of Judge Anita Josey-Herring for her outstanding skill and abilities in guiding our youth and families to achieve successful outcomes in the legal system.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Judge Anita Josey-Herring Recognition Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Judge Anita Josey-Herring for her contribution and dedication to the betterment of our youth and our families in our city.

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

February 5, 2008

To declare March 2008 as “Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, deep vein thrombosis occurs when a blood clot forms in one of the large veins, usually in the lower limbs, which leads to partially or completely blocked circulation that may result in a fatal pulmonary embolism;

WHEREAS, deep vein thrombosis is a serious but preventable medical condition which affects approximately 2 million Americans every year;

WHEREAS, pulmonary embolism claims up to 300,000 American lives each year and the majority of these cases result from deep vein thrombosis;

WHEREAS, pulmonary embolism causes more deaths each year than breast cancer and AIDS combined and is the leading cause of maternal death associated with childbirth;

WHEREAS, fatal pulmonary embolism may be the most preventable cause of hospital death in the United States;

WHEREAS, some of the risk factors for deep vein thrombosis include cancer and certain heart or respiratory diseases, and the condition can also be triggered by hospitalization, pregnancy, obesity, or restricted mobility caused by long-distance travel; and

WHEREAS, according to a survey conducted by the American Public Health Association, 74 % of Americans are unaware of deep vein thrombosis.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month Declaration Resolution of 2008”.

Sec.2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and acknowledges the

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importance of raising public awareness of the threat and causes of deep vein thrombosis, and declares March 2008 as “Deep Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month” 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

February 5, 2008

To recognize and honor the Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute's observation of the vital role of residential community associations in the Nation's Capital, and to declare February 23, 2008, as "Community Association Day" in the District of Columbia .

WHEREAS, the residential community of homeowner associations, housing cooperatives, and condominiums in the Nation's Capital has entered the new millennium;

WHEREAS, strong residential communities are the heart of city life and are essential for fostering civic responsibility and pride in the city;

WHEREAS, the prospects for the ongoing revitalization of the District of Columbia greatly depend on the flourishing of its residential core;

WHEREAS, the Community Associations Institute is dedicated to fostering vibrant, responsive, and competent residential community associations that promote harmony, community, and responsible leadership, enhancing the lives of their residents; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 23, 2008, the Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute is celebrating the value added to the area's quality of life by community associations in the Nation's Capital.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Community Association Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds this an appropriate time to recognize and honor the Community Associations Institute, Washington Metropolitan Chapter's observation of Community Association Day in the Nation's Capital, and declares February 23, 2008, as "Community Association Day" in the District of Columbia.

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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

February 5, 2008

To recognize Charles L. Howe for his dedication and passion for community service in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Charles L. Howe served as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for the Single Member District 3B02, proudly representing the residential and commercial interests of Glover Park between 1999 - 2002 and 2004 - 2006;

WHEREAS, Commissioner Howe worked diligently to provide District of Columbia fire and emergency personnel with the necessary resources to serve and protect the Glover Park and Cathedral Heights communities, being an outspoken proponent to the renovation and modernization of the Tenleytown Fire Station, and fought tirelessly for rapid access to temporary emergency services during renovations;

WHEREAS, Commissioner Howe has been a strong and steadfast voice in support of modernizing the public's facilities, such as the Stoddert Recreation Center and the Guy Mason Recreation Center, and was essential to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B's approval of the Stoddert Recreation Center's conceptual plan;

WHEREAS, Commissioner Howe was a strong advocate to the Glover Park business community and worked diligently to help secure funding for streetscape improvements helping make the Glover Park Commercial District a destination neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Howe worked closely with the Commanders and Officers of the Second District Metropolitan Police Department in securing needed resources for their operational needs.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Charles L. Howe Recognition Resolution of 2008".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia extend its thanks to the Honorable Commissioner Charles L. Howe for his many years of 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.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 5, 2008

To recognize and honor Mr. Don King for his outstanding leadership and commitment to the District of Columbia and to declare February 27, 2008, as "Don King Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Don King was born August 20, 1931 in Cleveland, Ohio, and is recognized as the world's greatest promoter, with a career spanning over 3 decades, including more than 500 world championship fights;

WHEREAS, Don King was inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame, named to Sports Illustrated's list of the "40 Most Influential Sports Figures of the past 40 Years", has been featured on the covers of TIME, Sports Illustrated, Ebony, Jet, and countless other magazines, and has appeared in movies and on numerous television and radio talk shows;

WHEREAS, Don King has received numerous awards, including the President's Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, its highest honor, and Lifetime Achievement accolades from Grambling State University;

WHEREAS, Don King's tireless and continuous philanthropic efforts are rarely chronicled, including his establishment of the Don King Foundation, through which he has donated millions of dollars to many charities, colleges, and hospitals, as well as other worthy organizations;

WHEREAS, Don King is quoted as having said, "If you do something just to get noticed, then it is not a truly charitable gesture";

WHEREAS, Don King was presented the United States flag, which flew over the United States Capitol, upon the request of Senator John McCain as a tribute to his contribution to the professional sport of boxing;

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WHEREAS, Don King is a renowned boxing promoter whose promotions have entertained billions around the globe and have given the sports and entertainment world some of its most thrilling and memorable moments;

WHEREAS, Don King has devoted his life to staging the best in world championship boxing as well as always giving something back to the people; and

WHEREAS, Don King's deeds merit the gratitude and respectful acknowledgment of the people of Washington, D.C. and throughout the metropolitan area.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Don King Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia is proud to recognize and honor Mr. Don King for his outstanding leadership and commitment to the District of Columbia and to declare February 27, 2008, as "Don King 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

February 5, 2008

To recognize and applaud the contributions made by the Citizens Organized Patrol Efforts and the Teaching America Sound Knowledge organizations in their efforts to serve and protect people and property in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Citizens Organized Patrol Efforts ("COPE") was founded by "Mahdi" Leroy Joseph Thorpe, Jr., and Taalib Abdul Samad in 1988;

WHEREAS, COPE, works with the Metropolitan Police Department to eradicate crime and drugs in the Shaw community;

WHEREAS, since 1988, COPE has shut down 56 documented crack houses, hosted over 120 anti-drug rallies in Washington, D.C., and worked to rehabilitate those on drugs and selling drugs;

WHEREAS, Teaching America Sound Knowledge ("TASK"), founded by DC Imam Khalil Davis and Ibrahim Aziz, is an Islamic community-based grassroots organization that focuses on human development through therapeutic and educational means using the teachings of Islam based upon the way of the Salaf (pious Predecessors of Islam);

WHEREAS, TASK brought about change within individuals and communities at the Author Capper dwellings on 3rd and L Streets, S.E., Washington, D.C., from 1996 through 2001.

WHEREAS, TASK's methods are to use dynamic and radiant approach to human development by using the teachings of Islam to cultivate the individual, group, and or community;

WHEREAS, TASK believes it can add to the process of rearing responsible, moral, upright, and righteous individuals for our society at large;

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WHEREAS, the COPE/TASK cooperative vanguard was commissioned to help keep the community safe;

WHEREAS, COPE/TASK believes that any impediments that hinder the community from progress pose a danger to the community, and its job is to aid and help the community in removing those impediments through means of education, human development, and practical implementation;

WHEREAS, because force is not a primary source of COPE/TASK'S security efforts, COPE/TASK is not a paramilitary brigade, militant group, or part of the police force, but cooperates with the local police, when necessary, to ensure safety for everyone;

WHEREAS, injustice is not tolerated, whether it is from COPE/TASK'S vanguard or any other outside force; and

WHEREAS, in August, 2007, *The Washington Post* and *The Muslim Link* newspapers recognized the Muslim COPE/TASK patrol anti-drug/crime work at Kelsey Gardens Apartments, located in the 1500 Block of 7th Street, N.W., in the Shaw community of Ward 2.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "COPE/TASK Anti-Drug Patrol Recognition Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends the COPE/TASK Patrol on its efforts to serve and protect the Shaw community, and recognizes its founders and members for their humanitarian and heroic efforts fighting crime 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

February 5, 2008

To honor H.R. Crawford for his outstanding contributions to Ward 7 and the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, H.R. Crawford was honored as the new Chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority on January 16, 2008;

WHEREAS, H.R. Crawford is the first African-American male to serve as the Chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority operates Reagan National Airport and Dulles International Airport, which provide domestic and international air service for the mid-Atlantic region;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority consists of more than 1,300 employees in a structure that includes central administration, airports management and operations, and police and fire departments;

WHEREAS, H.R. Crawford served as the Ward 7 Councilmember for 12 years, from 1980-1992, and served as the chair of the Committee on Human Services, which included responsibility and oversight for legislation, direction, and development of programs relating to human services within the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Chairman of the Committee on Human Services, H.R. Crawford successfully created Senior Citizens Wellness Centers for each ward in the District, which provide programs and activities dedicated to improvement of the quality of life for the aging population of our city;

WHEREAS, H.R. Crawford is an expert in the field of affordable housing and urban revitalization;

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WHEREAS, H.R. Crawford was appointed as the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1973, and developed several innovative programs to help the nation's housing authorities;

WHEREAS, H.R. Crawford developed the National Urban Homestead Act Program, resulting in millions of dollars in savings to the United States Treasury, while making home ownership available to numerous people through the purchase of houses for one dollar;

WHEREAS, H.R. Crawford developed the Target Projects Program to target and direct financial assistance and specific programs for the development of a formula to the equitable distribution of millions of dollars in operating subsidy to the nation's housing authorities;

WHEREAS, H.R. Crawford started Crawford Edgewood Management, Incorporated, in 1979 and owns and manages several properties in the District;

WHEREAS, Crawford Edgewood Management, in a joint venture with Community Development Partnership, redeveloped Parkside Terrace Apartment, located at 9th and Valley Avenue, S.E., in Ward 8;

WHEREAS, H.R. Crawford founded Access Housing, Inc., a housing initiative that assists veterans to regain independence and opened its doors in the fall of 2007;

WHEREAS, H.R. Crawford's innovation and service to the community is exemplary;

WHEREAS, H.R. Crawford has a history of service in various civic organizations, such as the 11th Police Precinct Citizens Advisory Council, District of Columbia Neighborhood Planning Councils, 6th District Police Citizens Advisory Council, Anacostia Citizens and Merchants, Incorporated, the D.C. Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Eastern Branch of the Kiwanis Club, and the National Association of Real Estate Brokers;

WHEREAS, H.R. Crawford continues to support our high school students by donating funds for scholarships, especially to Ballou, Woodson and Spingarn High Schools; and

WHEREAS, H.R. Crawford has achieved many firsts in his life and has served the residents of Ward 7 and the District of Columbia with a fervent desire to facilitate change in our communities.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "H.R. Crawford Recognition Resolution of 2008".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the life and achievements of H.R. Crawford.

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

February 5, 2008

To honor Reverend James E. Coates, Sr. for his past, present, and future dedication to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Reverend James E. Coates, Sr. will be celebrating his 50th anniversary as pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church on February 10, 2008;

WHEREAS, Reverend James E. Coates, Sr. is being honored for his dedication and support for his mission over the past 50 years to address the needs of the less fortunate in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Reverend James E. Coates, Sr. was born in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood in Washington, D.C., one of 9 children born to the late George and Daisy Louise Coates;

WHEREAS, Reverend James E. Coates, Sr. a graduate of the District of Columbia Public Schools, matriculated at the Howard University School of Religion in 1956, graduated at the top of his class, and went on to make his mark in education, community service, politics, and ministry in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Reverend James E. Coates, Sr. is married to the former Marcia Hall and has 4 adult children, 11 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Reverend James E. Coates, Sr. is a licensed professional counselor and works throughout the city through positions on various boards and committees, including: Clinical member, Association Clinical Pastoral Education; Member, Baptist Ministers' Conference, Washington, D.C. and vicinity; Vice President, One Church One Child, DC Chapter; Board Member, Right Incorporated; Board Member, UTBC, Community Development Corporation; Board Member, Main Street Anacostia; and Advisory Committee Member, DC Government, Transforming Anacostia Project;

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WHEREAS, Reverend James E. Coates, Sr. founded the Resurrection Power Deliverance Center, an alternative and innovative method of praxis, located at Bethlehem Baptist Church, to bring spirituality and sustenance into the lives of the homeless;

WHEREAS, Reverend James E. Coates, Sr. leads benevolence campaigns resulting in major fund-raising for the Max Robinson Clinic, the Chi Child Daycare Home, the Children's Defense Fund, the Zacchaeus Bread for the City Clinic, the Capital Area Food Bank, the Howard University Sickle Cell Program, and the Hospice Care of D.C.;

WHEREAS, Reverend James E. Coates, Sr., served as the first elected President of the School Board and the first elected Councilmember for Ward 8;

WHEREAS, Reverend James E. Coates, Sr., also known as Chaplain Coates, served 20 years as Staff Chaplain for the District of Columbia Department of Mental Health, working tirelessly to address the needs of patients at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and continues to serve as a volunteer to the St. Elizabeth's Chaplain staff; and

WHEREAS, Reverend James E. Coates, Sr., continues to make a difference in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF THE COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Reverend James E. Coates, Sr. Recognition Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates the 50th anniversary of Reverend James E. Coates, Sr. as pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church and his past, present, and future achievements.

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 4, 2008

To recognize and honor the humanitarian spirit and distinguished public service of the Honorable Reverend Walter Edward Fauntroy on the occasion of his 75th birthday and to declare February 6, 2008, as “Walter Edward Fauntroy Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy was born in Washington, D.C., on February 6, 1933, attended District of Columbia public schools, and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1952;

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Virginia Union University in 1955, earned a Bachelor of Divinity from Yale University in 1958, and in 1959, began his career as pastor of his childhood church, New Bethel Baptist Church, where he still serves in that role;

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy served as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s personal representative to United States Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Baines Johnson;

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy served as Director of the Washington Bureau of Dr. King’s Southern Christian Leadership Conference, District of Columbia coordinator of the historic March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom in 1963, and coordinator of the Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March in 1965, as well as the coordinator of the Meredith Mississippi Freedom March in 1966;

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy was appointed Vice Chairman of the “White House conference to fulfill these rights” in 1966 and Vice Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia by President Lyndon Baines Johnson in 1967;

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy served as the National Coordinator of the Poor People’s Campaign in 1968;

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy founded and served as the Director of the Shaw

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Urban Renewal Project, utilizing his civil rights experience to promote urban redevelopment within the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy resigned from the Council of the District of Columbia in 1969 in order to focus more attention on the Model Inner City Community Organization, a neighborhood planning corporation he founded along with other District of Columbia ministers;

WHEREAS, after Congress passed "the delegate act" which enabled District of Columbia residents to have a Delegate in the United States House of Representatives, Walter Edward Fauntroy was elected in 1971 to represent the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy lead a campaign in support of "the District of Columbia Self-Government and Government Reorganization Act," that became law in 1973 and gave District of Columbia residents home rule and the ability to elect a Mayor and a Council;

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy served in Congress for 20 years and worked on various committees, such as: the Committee on the District of Columbia; the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs; the Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing; and the Committee on Banking and Currency, in addition to being a part of Select Committees on Assassinations, Narcotics, and Control;

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy was a member of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, the Democratic National Congressional Committee, and served as Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, in addition to launching the Free South Africa Movement with his arrest at the South African Embassy on Thanksgiving eve in 1984;

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy serves as President of the National Black Leadership Roundtable, the National Network Vehicle of the Congressional Black Caucus, which was founded in 1977;

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy received honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from his alma maters, Virginia Union University and Yale University, and received honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Georgetown and Howard Universities for his exemplary record of distinguished service to his country and the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and is a Past Potentate of Mecca Temple, Number 10, P.H.A., Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Walter Edward Fauntroy was married to the former Ms. Dorothy Simms of

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Petersburg, Virginia, and has been blessed with 2 children, Marvin Keith and Melissa Alice Fauntroy.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Honorable Walter Edward Fauntroy Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates the life of the Honorable Reverend Walter Edward Fauntroy and his contributions to public service, and declares February 6, 2008, as "Walter Edward Fauntroy 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 4, 2008

To recognize, honor, and celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Annie M. McAdoo in the District of Columbia and to declare February 10, 2008, as "Annie M. McAdoo Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie M. McAdoo was born February 13, 1908 in the state of Maryland;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie M. McAdoo moved to the District of Columbia in 1925 and has been blessed to be a constituent in Ward 1 for over 80 years;

WHEREAS, before her retirement, Mrs. Annie M. McAdoo was a hardworking and dedicated housekeeper for different affluent and distinguished residents in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie M. McAdoo is an active member of the Resident Council of NCBA Estates;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie M. McAdoo enjoys cooking and has a passion for reading; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie M. McAdoo loves children and is described by friends and family as a truly genuine and self-sacrificing person.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Annie M. McAdoo Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates the 100th birthday of Mrs. Annie M. McAdoo, and declares February 10, 2008, as "Annie M. McAdoo Recognition 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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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 4, 2008

To recognize, honor, and celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs. Helen Loretta Mason in the District of Columbia and to declare February 28, 2008, as "Helen Loretta Mason Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Loretta Mason was born February 28, 1918 in Saint Mary's County, Maryland;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Loretta Mason moved to the District of Columbia in 1933 and has been blessed to be a constituent of Ward 1 for 75 years;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Loretta Mason was a housekeeper for many years before her well-deserved retirement;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Loretta Mason is member of the NCBA Estates Resident Council and attends the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Loretta Mason is an exceptional cook and has a passion for playing bingo; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Helen Loretta Mason is described by friends and family as being a truly kind and considerate person.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Helen Loretta Mason Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates the 90th birthday of Mrs. Helen Loretta Mason and declares February 28, 2008, as "Helen Loretta Mason Recognition 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.

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-259

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 4, 2008

To recognize February 24 to February 28, 2008, as "Community Hygiene Awareness Week" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Department of Health is working, in cooperation with residents, organizations, and business owners of the 1600 block of Connecticut Avenue and the 1600 block of 19th Street, N.W., on the Community Hygiene Pilot Program to eliminate conditions that attract and support rodents;

WHEREAS, poor hygiene in a community has historically been a major reason for the infestation of rodents and a source of potential diseases to humans; and

WHEREAS, an excess number of rodents diminishes enjoyment of the outdoors, public space, and parks, hinders recreation, causes property damage, and reduces property values.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Community Hygiene Awareness Week Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and appreciates the efforts of the residents, business owners, and merchants in Dupont Circle and declares February 24, 2008 through February 28, 2008, as "Community Hygiene Awareness Week" 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

17-260

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 4, 2008

To recognize Peggy Flynn for her dedication to the children and residents of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Peggy Flynn has served for over 20 years as the head children's librarian at the Chevy Chase Branch of the District of Columbia Public Library;

WHEREAS, Peggy Flynn worked for the District of Columbia Public Library since 1965, serving at the Palisades, Georgetown, West End, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Chevy Chase branches;

WHEREAS, Peggy Flynn has made a positive impact on the lives of children and residents of the District of Columbia through her lifetime of good work, being an advocate for early childhood reading, developing special projects with District of Columbia Public Schools to spark the curiosity of young minds, and exposing students to new ways of learning through technology;

WHEREAS, Peggy Flynn received much of her education in the District of Columbia, earning her Bachelors of Arts in Elementary Education from the George Washington University and her Masters of Arts in Library Science from Catholic University;

WHEREAS, Peggy Flynn has been honored with the D.C. Library Association Distinguished Service Award and recognized as a D.C. Public Library Outstanding Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Flynn is a member of the D.C. Library Association, the Beta Phi Mu International Library Science Society, and the International Board of Books for Young People.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Peggy Flynn Service Recognition Resolution of 2008".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia extends its thanks to Peggy Flynn for her many years of services to the children and residents of the District of Columbia.

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

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-261

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 4, 2008

To recognize and honor JC Hayward for 36 years of broadcasting excellence on WUSA TV 9 and for her dedicated service to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, and to declare February 21, 2008, as "JC Hayward Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, JC Hayward is one of the region's most-respected newsmen, among the longest-tenured broadcast journalists, and the District of Columbia market's first female anchor;

WHEREAS, JC Hayward currently anchors "9 NEWS Now at Noon," uses the weekly series "JC and Friends" to spotlight people making a positive difference in the District of Columbia area, and was promoted to Vice President for Media Outreach in 2006 in order to raise WUSA's visibility in the community;

WHEREAS, JC Hayward has won several local Emmy Awards, has consistently been rated one of the top local news personalities, and has been voted Washingtonian Magazine's "Washingtonian of the Year;"

WHEREAS, JC Hayward has interviewed many national and international figures, including Nancy Reagan, Maya Angelou, and Luciano Pavarotti, and has traveled abroad to places like Kenya and Uganda to report on issues of international and national significance, including the plight of refugees in Uganda and Somalia;

WHEREAS, JC Hayward has devoted countless hours to various community organizations and projects and served as Vice President of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, on the Board of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and on the Board of Hospice Caring in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, February 21, 2008, JC Hayward will kick off "dvm OurTime.com," WUSA's website for people over 50, one of countless efforts she has spearheaded to benefit the citizens of the District of Columbia.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA That this resolution may be cited as the "JC Hayward Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends JC Hayward for her distinguished broadcasting career, extends its appreciation for her extensive contributions to the residents of the District of Columbia, and declares February 21, 2008, as "JC Hayward 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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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

17-262

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 4, 2008

To acknowledge and honor Josh Cribbs for being recognized as a member of the National Football League's 2008 Pro Bowl team from the American Football Conference.

WHEREAS, Josh Cribbs was born in Washington, D.C. on June 9, 1983, played pee-wee football as a youth with the Woodridge Warriors, located in Ward 5, and lead his team to the Pop Warner Super Bowl Championship in Florida;

WHEREAS, Josh Cribbs played quarterback at Dunbar Senior High School, also located in Ward 5, played and lettered in baseball, swimming, and basketball, and was named a first-team All-Met football player by the Washington Post in his senior year;

WHEREAS, Josh Cribbs played quarterback at Kent State University, where he holds the record for all-time offense leader with 10,839 yards, is one of 3 players in NCAA history to record both 1,000 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing in as many as 2 different seasons, passed for 55 touchdowns and ran for 38 more, created a Kent State record for his 38 additional rushing touchdowns, and is the only player in NCAA history to lead his team in both rushing and passing in 4 different seasons;

WHEREAS, Josh Cribbs, signed as an undrafted free agent by the Cleveland Browns in 2005, made the Browns roster for the 2005 season, averaged 24.5 yards per kick return, and totaled 1,094 return yards, a franchise record; and

WHEREAS, Josh Cribbs was voted to the 2008 Pro Bowl as a kick returner for the American Football Conference.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Josh Cribbs Recognition Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Josh Cribbs for his determination as a football player and for serving as a role model for the youth in the District of Columbia and especially those who play for the Woodridge Warriors.

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