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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To celebrate the anniversary of Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, to recognize the important work of Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day, Inc., and to declare May 22 through May 26, 2003, as "Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Weekend" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Day began thirteen years ago as an opportunity for Washington's African American lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community to come together in a day of celebration and support;

WHEREAS, in the thirteen years that have followed, Black Pride Day has grown to be the largest black gay and lesbian gathering in the world, attracting attendees from across the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, South America, and Europe; and

WHEREAS, Black Pride Day builds awareness of and pride in the diversity of the Black lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, and raises funds to support a variety of organizations providing resources for those battling cancer, HIV and AIDS, and other health problems.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA That this resolution may be cited as the "Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Weekend Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the important work of Black Lesbian and Pride Day, Inc., and declares May 23 through May 26, 2003, as "Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Weekend" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To recognize and honor the outstanding and historically significant contributions of the late Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr., as the Founder, President and President Emeritus of the United Black Fund, Inc., Editor-Publisher of the Washington Informer Newspaper, and Civil Rights Leader, who is being remembered at the Eighth Annual Dr. Calvin W. Rolark Memorial Scholarship Luncheon on June 4, 2003.

WHEREAS, Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr., is highly recognized as a crusading newspaper publisher, from his founding of the Washington Informer newspaper in October 1964;

WHEREAS, his life in the District of Columbia was one of great service as he was the founder and president of the United Black Fund, Inc., from October 1969 until 1994; and was named President Emeritus following his death;

WHEREAS, Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr., a renowned community activist, humanitarian, crusading publisher-journalist, civil rights pioneer and civic leader, nurtured and developed the United Black Fund as a direct consequence of the disparity of charitable giving during the 1960's in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr., and his legacy continues to have a positive impact upon the lives of thousands of residents of the Greater Washington Area as demonstrated by the United Black Fund currently supporting over 31 member agencies and providing crucial funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia joins the United Black Fund in celebrating the accomplishments and- contributions of Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Eighth Annual Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Luncheon Resolution of 2003".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the accomplishments and contributions of Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, Sr., for the valuable contribution he and the United Black Fund 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

June 3, 2003

To recognize the 1st Annual African American Experience Expo to be held on July 12, and 13, 2003 in celebration of its inaugural event, and to declare July 12, 2003 as "African American Experience Expo Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, in July 2003, the African American Experience Expo ("AAEE"), presented by Experience One Corporation, will celebrate its first Expo;

WHEREAS, the African American Experience Expo is dedicated to bringing communities together through education, entrepreneurship, networking and development.

WHEREAS, the African American Experience Expo was developed to connect individuals and families of all cultures and backgrounds with agencies in their community that will foster awareness, unity and strength;

WHEREAS, Experience One Corporation is a D.C. based company formed in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Experience One Corporation will provide hundreds of students the opportunity to volunteer at the African American Experience Expo, and at future events presented by Experience One Corporation such as the Latina and Kiddie Expo as well as a Concert Series that will bring communities together through music.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "African American Experience Expo 1st Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends Experience One Corporation's support of the African American Experience Expo, and declares July 12, 2003 as "African American Experience Expo Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To recognize and honor Ms. Lily Jones on the occasion of her birthday and for her many years of community service, and to declare May 10, 2003 as "Lily Jones Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Lily Jones has been a kind and warm light in the Hobart community for many others to find and follow;

WHEREAS, Lily Jones is a remarkable example of living history in the Nation's Capital, and therefore a treasure;

WHEREAS, Lily Jones has personally witnessed and participated in some of this country's most important moments;

WHEREAS, Lily Jones has been loved by the Ward One Hobart community for many years; and

WHEREAS, Lily Jones has recently celebrated her 70th birthday with style and grace.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Lily Jones for reaching this wonderful hallmark while living in the District, and declares May 10, 2003 as "Lily Jones Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To recognize and celebrate the second annual Health Fair and Community Barbeque sponsored by the True Grace Church of Jesus Christ, and to declare May 17, 2003 as "True Grace Church of Jesus Christ Community Health Fair and Barbeque Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the True Grace Church of Jesus Christ at 205 V Street, N.W., in the District of Columbia is sponsoring its second annual health fair, adding a community barbeque to the event this year;

WHEREAS, the health fair will present several important health services, including dental services offered by the Howard University Dental School for the LeDroit and Kelly Miller community;

WHEREAS, the community barbeque will present an opportunity for residents of the LeDroit and Kelly Miller communities to socialize and celebrate their neighborhoods with music and entertainment for adults and children alike; and

WHEREAS, the True Grace Church of Jesus Christ sponsors this annual event to provide vital health information and opportunities for spiritual and social outreach to the LeDroit and Kelly Miller communities.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "True Grace Church of Jesus Christ Community Health Fair and Barbeque Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the True Grace Church of Jesus Christ for its efforts on behalf of the LeDroit and Kelly Miller communities and declares May 17, 2003 as "True Grace Church of Jesus Christ Community Health Fair and Barbeque Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To recognize the importance of the Columbia Heights community and the contributions the Columbia Heights Community Marketplace brings to our neighborhoods, and to declare May 17, 2003 as the "Celebrate Columbia Heights Community Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the intent of Columbia Heights residents, community, public and private organizations and businesses is to strengthen Columbia Heights communities and surrounding neighborhoods by celebrating the diverse people and cultures of the neighborhood at a public marketplace through the Columbia Heights Community Marketplace ("CHCM");

WHEREAS, Columbia Heights residents established a committee to sponsor CHCM to provide a central location where people can come together to enjoy a weekend morning, shop for fresh local produce and other items, meet neighbors and learn about the neighborhood;

WHEREAS, CHCM will be a combination of farmers market (within the Chesapeake Bay watershed) and flea/crafts market, located in the heart of the neighborhood at the corner of 14th and Irving Streets, N.W., in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, CHCM will be a celebration of everything local --- local farmers, local performers, local vendors, local organizations and businesses as well as public services: thus, celebrating our diversity in the Columbia Heights community of Washington D.C.;

WHEREAS, Change, Inc., Latin American Youth Center, Community Harvest, the Local Food Alliance, Bell Multicultural School and Washington Parks and People have been working collaboratively in the past three years to ensure the success of the marketplace and community unity; and

WHEREAS, CHCM will be an ongoing celebration of the rich diversity of Columbia Heights where races, generations, singles, families, freedom of sexual orientation, newcomers and old-timers, homeowners and renter, homeless, working class and professional, employed or

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unemployed will all come together to expand our understanding of oneness and embrace our differences.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Celebrate Columbia Heights Community Day Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the hard work of the residents, organizations, businesses and public services, and declares May 17, 2003 as the "Celebrate Columbia Heights Community Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To recognize May 17<sup>th</sup> as World Fair Trade Day in the District of Columbia in support of a global economic system based on fair trade, corporate accountability and socially responsible investment.

WHEREAS, the United States as a whole consumes the greatest amount of goods and services in the world, invests the most capital, and thus wields tremendous influence in the global economy;

WHEREAS, it is in our local interest to have a stable global economy which allows for productive local and regional economies;

WHEREAS, the current financial architecture has been inadequate in dealing with the global economic crises, and evidenced by crises of unprecedented proportions in developing nations throughout the global south;

WHEREAS, investment, trade and consumption should promote an economy that allows for a decent standard of living and a sustainable use of national resources;

WHEREAS, the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution allows public entities to place restrictions on the use of public funds when the public entity is acting as a market participant;

WHEREAS, as a purchaser of goods and services, the District of Columbia has a responsibility to ensure that tax dollars are spent in a manner consistent with decent ethical and labor standards, including assuring that workers are paid a living wage, and purchasing goods made in the most fair manner when possible;

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WHEREAS, as an investor of capital, the District of Columbia has a responsibility to ensure that its capital investment promotes sound development policies, supports responsible corporate activity and does not engage in speculative hedging;

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares May 17, 2003, "World Fair Trade Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To honor Budd Lane and recognize his contributions made to the District of Columbia community, and to declare June 17, 2003 as "Budd Lane Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Budd Lane has been a stalwart in local District of Columbia political campaigns for over twenty years;

WHEREAS, Budd Lane volunteered and has worked tirelessly in support of the political campaigns of former Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, current Mayor Anthony Williams and Councilmember Jack Evans;

WHEREAS, there have been very few local political races in which Budd Lane has not been involved as a volunteer;

WHEREAS, those volunteer activities ranged from poster hanging to election day food and drink deliveries to campaign workers; and

WHEREAS, in June of 1999, Budd Lane was elected Chair of the Ward 2 Democrats and served tirelessly until April of 2003.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Budd Lane for his many years of devoted service to the District of Columbia, and declares June 17, 2003 as "Budd Lane Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To recognize Mr. Jhoon Rhee for his achievements and his contributions to the cultural, artistic, and educational life of the District of Columbia and throughout the Washington Metropolitan Area, and to declare June 28, 2003, to be "Jhoon Rhee Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Mr. Jhoon Rhee is a world-renowned 10<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jhoon Rhee is known as the Father of American Tae Kwon Do and is responsible for introducing Tae Kwon Do to America, the western hemisphere, and the former Soviet Union;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jhoon Rhee pioneered and volunteered his services to the District of Columbia Public Schools Joy of Discipline program for ten years;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jhoon Rhee served as the chairman of our Nation's Birthday Celebration on July 4, 1983, and donated \$15,000 to the cause;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jhoon Rhee presented the legislative initiative to create the national Teacher Appreciation Day, which was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on October 16, 1986;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jhoon Rhee both arranged and financed a visit by the Superintendent and nine principals of the District of Columbia Public Schools to the Moscow Public Schools in 1992;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jhoon Rhee served this country as a member of the White House Advisory Commission on Asian American and Pacific Islanders;

WHEREAS, Mr. Jhoon Rhee wrote five Tae Kwon Do books and a book titled "Bruce Lee and I";

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WHEREAS, Mr. Jhoon Rhee aided the education of youth by instituting a policy which requires children have at least a "B" average before obtaining a black belt, a policy that was subsequently featured in Parade Magazine and adopted by many other martial arts schools over the past 20 years.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia, and salutes Mr. Jhoon Rhee on the occasion of the Korean-American Centennial Commemoration, in the celebration of 70 years of his life, and in celebration of the 40 year life of the Jhoon Rhee Tae Kwon Do studios, and thanks him for his extraordinary commitment and dedication to the cultural, artistic, and educational community, and declares April 26, 2003, as "Jhoon Rhee Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To recognize the many years of volunteer service of Delores Graves at the Brookland Elementary School, and to declare May 16, 2003 as "Delores Graves Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Delores Graves began her volunteer service on September 4, 1987 at Brookland Elementary School;

WHEREAS, by volunteering her special services, for the betterment of pupils, young students have been provided with emotional and intellectual support-giving them hope for, and access to, a productive future;

WHEREAS, Delores Graves, has been an invaluable volunteer at Brookland Elementary School, and works tirelessly to serve our children with care and love;

WHEREAS, Delores Graves, a dedicated volunteer, daily and consistently has been a dependable asset to the Brookland community;

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the many years of volunteer service of Delores Graves, and declares May 16, 2003, as "Delores Graves Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To recognize the contribution of the June Fair Committee to the success of the Hospital for Sick Children, and to declare June 20, 2003 as "June Fair Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, June 20, 2003 marks the 31st anniversary of the June Fair, a community fund-raising event to benefit the Hospital for Sick Children ("HSC");

WHEREAS, the HSC June Fair Committee, which represents over 20 community-based organizations, has provided years of outstanding commitment to the Hospital for Sick Children through dedicated volunteer service;

WHEREAS, the Hospital for Sick Children, for over 120 years, has served the community of Washington, D.C., by providing rehabilitation for children and adolescents with special needs;

WHEREAS, the Hospital for Sick Children provides a nurturing environment of family-centered care so that children and adolescents can learn, play, and grow while receiving the medical care they need; and

WHEREAS, the Council, in recognition of dedicated and long-standing service to the Hospital for Sick Children, calls upon all citizens of the city to join in saluting the HSC June Fair Committee for its contribution to our community.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Hospital for Sick Children June Fair Committee Recognition Resolution of 2003."

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares June 20, 2003, as "June Fair Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To recognize the many years of service of Marsha L. Moore to the District of Columbia as a Public School Teacher and to establish May 30, 2003 as "Marsha L. Moore Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Marsha L. Moore is a native Washingtonian, educated at Lucretia Mott Elementary, Garnet Patterson Junior High, McKinley High Schools, and Howard University;

WHEREAS, Marsha L. Moore in choosing her life's path, followed the same career path as her maternal grandmother, mother, aunt and uncle, and became a teacher in fulfillment of her love of children and desire to help others;

WHEREAS, Marsha L. Moore continued her education at the University of Maryland by pursuing a Masters Degree in Elementary School Counseling and Personnel Services while teaching at Anne M. Goding Elementary School as a First Grade demonstration teacher',

WHEREAS, Marsha L. Moore also counseled elementary school youth in Baltimore County, Maryland for five years;

WHEREAS, Marsha L. Moore lived in East Orange, New Jersey for ten years where she gained many marketable skills outside of the education field at the Barbizon School of Fashion including fashion merchandising, sales, and interior design;

WHEREAS, Marsha L. Moore also developed skills as an educational consultant, tennis instructor, and college minority counselor and instructor at Kean College;

WHEREAS, Marsha L. Moore returned to Washington, D.C., in 1987 to care for her father, Marshall when he fell ill;

WHEREAS, Marsha L. Moore has taught fifth and sixth grade in the District's public schools including Randle Highlands, Brookland, Shepard and Bertie Backus Middle School;

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WHEREAS, Marsha L. Moore expanded her skills at Shepard School as a Mathematics, and Science Resource Teacher;

WHEREAS, Marsha L. Moore's professional talents are listed in Who's Who in Education in America, among American Women, in the East, and in the World;

WHEREAS, Marsha L. Moore, chaired several school-wide committees and coordinated many academic activities including Science Fairs, a Science Bee, a Math Bee, Career Fairs, tutoring programs, a Readers/Writers Club and the Student Council at Brookland Elementary School;

WHEREAS, Marsha L. Moore serves her community for fun in the Howard University Alumni Association, the Friends of Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, and is a life member of the Federal City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia thanks Marsha L. Moore for her many years of service to the children of the District of Columbia as a District of Columbia Public School Teacher.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Marsha L. Moore Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the many years of service of Marsha L. Moore, and declares May 30, 2003, as "Marsha L. Moore Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To recognize the many years of service of Patricia A. Buck in the District of Columbia Public School System, and to declare May 30, 2003 as Patricia A. Buck Day in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Buck was born in Washington, D.C., to John and Louise Battle, and grew up in the Parkside neighborhood with her siblings Vivian, John, James and Milton;

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Buck began her education at age 4 at Neville Thomas Elementary School, where she skipped a grade because of her outstanding academic record;

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Buck graduated to Shaw Junior High School, maintained perfect attendance and was cited for academic excellence;

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Buck, graduated from Dunbar High School where she received many academic awards, was active in the Thespian Club, a member of the Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, Tennis Club, Glee Club and a member of the Fleur Des Les;

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Buck attended Howard University and graduated from the University of the District of Columbia with a B.A. in Secondary Education and has a Masters Degree in Reading;

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Buck began her teaching career in 1976 and has taught Mathematics for 27 years at Paul Jr. High School, Taft Junior High School as well as Bertie Backus Middle School;

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Buck has taught mathematics, test taking skills, and reading to Backus Middle School students;

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Buck has served as a Sunday School teacher to children and adults;

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WHEREAS, Patricia A. Buck has been Chair of the Department of Mathematics, Chair for the LSRT Team, and Building Representative for the Teachers' Union and the Mathematics Standards Specialist;

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Buck has designed and implemented lesson plans for classes in probability and statistics, algebra, geometry and math concepts, map reading and charts;

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Buck has worked as the coordinator for the It's Academic program, and is experienced in program development, grant writing and fund raising; and

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Buck has become a caring teaching with years of experience who is dedicated to creating stable learning environments and inspiring students to do their best.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Patricia A. Buck Recognition Resolution of 2003."

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the many years of service of Patricia A. Buck, and declares May 30, 2003, as "Patricia A. Buck Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To recognize and honor the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Southwest D.C., in celebration of its 150th anniversary, and to commemorate many years of dedication and support in the areas of religious, social, employment services to the Southwest community, and to declare Sunday, June 14, 2003, "Westminster Presbyterian Church Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, 2003 marks 150 years of service in Southwest, Washington, D.C., of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, a multi-cultural congregation established on June 14, 1853, on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., at what is now the site of the Department of Transportation, but relocated by Southwest's Urban Renewal to the corner of 4th and I (Eye) Street, S.W.;

WHEREAS, the congregation has been served by a succession of notable pastors, including the hospital chaplain appointed by President Abraham Lincoln at what is now Ft. McNair;

WHEREAS, ever since Advisory Neighborhood Commissions began in 1975, the ANC for Southwest has been welcomed for its monthly public meetings at Westminster;

WHEREAS, in 1978 Westminster was the first Presbyterian Church in the entire Washington area to install a woman pastor, and now is served by co-pastors;

WHEREAS, since 1983 Westminster has been a pioneer in the Presbyterian a "More Light" movement, insisting that Christians of all backgrounds and sexual orientation are welcome to worship and hold leadership positions in the church;

WHEREAS, in 1988 in the church kitchen Westminster started Food and Friends, taking daily meals to homebound people with AIDS. This service soon had a staff of 12 and attracted hundreds of volunteers delivering 200 meals a day, outgrew the church kitchen and had to move to a larger building;

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WHEREAS, today the church has set up the Southwest Catering Company, which uses the kitchen facilities to increase employment opportunities for underemployed persons;

WHEREAS, in recent years the sanctuary and seating arrangement of the church has been modified to increase its flexibility, including the installation of a ceramic-tiled Labyrinth for use by groups and individuals in meditation; and

WHEREAS, the sanctuary is also the site of the church's "Jazz Ministry", helping to preserve the jazz art form by employing dozens of Washington area jazz musicians at low price Jazz concerts to overflow crowds every Friday for the past four years.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution shall be cited as the "Westminster Presbyterian Church Day Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds this an appropriate time to recognize and honor the Westminster Presbyterian Church, and declares June 14, 2003, "Westminster Presbyterian Church Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To recognize June 19<sup>th</sup> as "Amidon Elementary School Graduation Ceremony Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Margaret Milburn Amidon was born in Alexandria, Virginia on January 31, 1827 and was placed under instruction at the age of four years;

WHEREAS, Margaret Milburn Amidon continued her quest for formal education until she was sixteen years of age and in 1843, organized her own school and was one of its teachers until 1849 and she was appointed to become a teacher in the District of Columbia Public School system.;

WHEREAS, Margaret Milburn Amidon was promoted to principal of a grammar school in the District in 1854 and held this position of educational responsibility until her death on December 3, 1969, at the age of forty-two;

WHEREAS, Amidon Elementary School was built in Southwest Washington in 1882 in honor of Margaret Milburn Amidon, remained open through 1957 and presented a fine educational program for children in the Southwest area;

WHEREAS, on September 7, 1960, children of the Southwest community once again attended a new school named in honor of Margaret Milburn Amidon—educator, leader, friend, and pioneer;

WHEREAS, Amidon Elementary School became the focus of an innovative educational plan called the Amidon plan which sparked considerable discussion about educational reforms in the District of Columbia and should become again a focus of educational excellence in Southwest Washington D.C.;

WHEREAS, each year on or about June 19<sup>th</sup> the students in the fifth grade at Amidon Elementary School, having successfully completed the necessary educational requirements, are

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permitted to pass on to the sixth grade; and

WHEREAS, each year on or about June 19<sup>th</sup> there is a ceremony held to mark the accomplishments of the fifth grade students as they move forward into their future as sixth graders.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Amidon Elementary School Graduation Ceremonial Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Amidon Elementary School fifth graders for their hard work and wishes them good luck in the pursuit of their studies in the sixth grade and beyond.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To acknowledge and appreciate the professional and civic career of Gilbert L. Hoffman, Ph.D., and to declare June 1, 2003 as "Gilbert L. Hoffman, Ph.D. Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Gilbert L. Hoffman is a native Washingtonian who graduated from the District of Columbia Public High School system;

WHEREAS, Gilbert L. Hoffman is married to the former Ms. Constance Cooper and is the father of three sons and one daughter, the grandfather of two grandsons, two granddaughters, and one adopted daughter and two adopted grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Gilbert L Hoffman earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from D.C. Teacher's College; a Master's of Art degree in Elementary Education from George Washington University; and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Kansas;

WHEREAS, Gilbert L. Hoffman served as principal of several District of Columbia Public Schools including Bryan Elementary, Birney Elementary and Draper Elementary;

WHEREAS, Gilbert L. Hoffman was selected as Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Management for the District of Columbia Public Schools as well as its interim Athletic Director;

WHEREAS, Gilbert L. Hoffman became the Deputy Superintendent of the Office of Educational Accountability and Planning as well as the Director of Management Information Systems and Educational Technology Services;

WHEREAS, Gilbert L. Hoffman is a successful businessman having owned two locations of Photo Dimensions, Inc., in the District of Columbia of which he is presently the President, and CEO of Dimensions System, Inc., specializing in educational statistical analysis;

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WHEREAS, Gilbert L. Hoffman has written or contributed to numerous publications including: Teaching as Behavior Analysis and Compensatory Education;

WHEREAS, Gilbert L. Hoffman is a member of the following civic and social organizations: American Educational Research Association, Washington Junior Achievement, Boy Scouts of America, Phi Delta Kappa, National Association of Elementary School Principals, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and Fellowship Lodge #26, F&AM,PHA; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert L. Hoffman has been a leader and community builder whose energy and effort has culminated in many worthwhile endeavors, and whose contributions speak resoundingly to his commitment to the preservation and elevation of American culture and stature.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gilbert L. Hoffman, Ph.D. Recognition and Appreciation Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia acknowledges the professional and civil career of Gilbert L. Hoffman, and declares June 1, 2003 as "Gilbert L. Hoffman, Ph.D. Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 23, 2003

To recognize June 15, 2003 as the first annual "Father's Day MURDER FREE DC Day of Remembrance, Return to Commitment and Call to Action".

WHEREAS, over 3,100 people have been murdered in Washington, D.C., in the last decade;

WHEREAS, the murder of one person in Washington, D.C., is one murder too many;

WHEREAS, the resources to prevent murder in Washington, D.C., exists within the vast network of resources in the city - including spiritual, human, financial, government and social;

WHEREAS, Washington, D.C., serves as the nation's capitol and should serve as a model of a safe and violence-free community;

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Council of the District of Columbia, and other District of Columbia government officials are committed to creating a safe and violence-free community for the citizens of Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Police Department and every other service agency of the District has a demonstrated and institutionalized commitment to increasing the quality of life for the citizens of the District of Columbia by enhancing safety and reducing homicides;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia government is committed to creating lasting change in every neighborhood within the District by reducing and eliminating the threat of death by homicide;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia government will exercise its commitment to address and impact the prevalence of homicide in the District by affecting causative factors including, but not limited to, drug abuse, domestic violence, inadequate education, property crime and neighborhood blight;

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WHEREAS, the District of Columbia government will work to enforce current laws and explore the implementation of appropriate new laws that will aid in the reduction and elimination of murder in the District;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia government will work to utilize and develop effective networks to end murder in the District;

WHEREAS, District of Columbia government officials will work to support and partner with community-based efforts and groups focused on the elimination of homicide in the city;

WHEREAS, there currently exists a range of community-based efforts focusing on ending the systemic apathy and other conditions that lead to murder; and

WHEREAS, a number of these groups have decided to gather and invite others to join them on Father's Day 2003 to remember those murdered in the city, stand in solidarity with the families and loved ones of those murdered, return to a commitment to healthier lives and safer communities, and call to action all members of the District of Columbia community to get involved to do their part in the work for a murder free D.C.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Father's Day MURDER FREE DC Day of Remembrance, Return to Commitment and Call to Action Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia calls upon residents of the city to declare Father's Day as a murder free day, and challenges all residents to work for a MURDER FREE DC.

Sec. 3. The Council applauds all of those individuals and groups who had the vision to call for this Father's Day event, including, but not limited to, Reaching Out to Others Together (ROOT), Parents of Murdered Children (POMC), the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, Survivors Taking a Righteous Stand Against Homicide (STARS), NO MURDERS DC, Million Mom March, Capitol Educated Support Inc; Mothers on the Move Spiritually (MOMS), Reaching Ex-Offenders and at Risk Youth with Community Based Services and Health Living (REACH), Cease Fire ... Don't Smoke the Brothers Inc., Survivors of Homicide (SOH), Concerned Black Men Inc., and Keep It Real Inc. The Council also applauds all of those individuals and groups who work tirelessly everyday to improve the conditions in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To recognize and honor refugees around the world and especially in the District of Columbia and its greater metropolitan area, and to draw particular attention to the needs of refugee youth, one of the most vulnerable of all refugee populations.

WHEREAS, there are nearly 20 million refugees and other persons of concern to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees ("UNHCR"), almost 8 million of whom are under the age of 18;

WHEREAS, refugee youth are among the most vulnerable of refugee populations, routinely subject to separation from family, exploitation, and abuse;

WHEREAS, for over fifty years, UNHCR has provided international protection and assistance to refugees, asylum-seekers and other persons of concern and has sought durable solutions to their problems;

WHEREAS, the United States government has resettled more than 12,000 refugees in the District of Columbia since 1983, and has granted asylum to thousands of refugees from around the world who now reside in the greater metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, the refugees who live in and contribute to our communities have rebuilt their lives after fleeing conflict and persecution in their home countries;

WHEREAS, refugees make a critical contribution to the economic growth and cultural and spiritual diversity of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2000, the United Nations General Assembly created World Refugee Day to recognize and honor the contribution of refugees throughout the world.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia endorses the focus of World Refugee Day for 2003, which is refugee youth, and declares June 20, 2003 as "World Refugee Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

15-86

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2003

To recognize Joe C. Baxter for his efforts in promoting voting rights from the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, and throughout the world.

WHEREAS, Joe C. Baxter served as Registrar of Voters for the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics from 1983 to 1994;

WHEREAS, Joe C. Baxter was instrumental in the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics being recognized as a respected electoral organization in the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Joe C. Baxter has devoted his career to international development as the Senior Advisor for the Election Administration for the International Foundation for Election Systems ("IFES");

WHEREAS, Joe C. Baxter working with IFES has played a pivotal role in the democratization process of many countries such as Armenia, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia, Ghana, Haiti, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Uganda, and West Bank Gaza;

WHEREAS, Joe C. Baxter has tirelessly devoted his time to giving every person in his purview the right to have a say and to freely choose leaders by embracing the ballot and not the bullet;

WHEREAS, Joe C. Baxter has devoted his professional life to advancing the field of election administration; and

WHEREAS, Joe C. Baxter serves as an outstanding ambassador of goodwill and represents the best of America.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Joe C. Baxter Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Joe C. Baxter for his outstanding contributions to the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics, and to help advance the sanctity of the ballot box and the right to vote by citizens in every corner of the globe.

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