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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 4, 2003

To recognize and honor the 40th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's *Gideon v. Wainwright* decision with the Gideon Day Recognition Resolution of 2003, and to declare March 18, 2003 as "Gideon Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Clarence Earl Gideon was charged with breaking into a Florida poolroom on June 3, 1961 and stealing coins from a cigarette machine. He asserted his innocence;

WHEREAS, Gideon's request for counsel was denied, and the 51-year-old drifter with an eighth-grade education defended himself against the legal case presented by the state's prosecuting attorney. He was convicted of felony breaking and entering with intent to commit a misdemeanor, and was sentenced to five years in state prison;

WHEREAS, Gideon submitted a handwritten petition to the United States Supreme Court from his Florida prison cell, arguing that the United States Constitution does not allow poor people to be convicted and sent to prison without legal representation. Twenty-two state attorneys general submitted a brief supporting him;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 1963, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that Gideon's trial and conviction without the assistance of counsel was fundamentally unfair and violated the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution. It is an "obvious truth," the Court stated, that "in our adversary system of criminal justice, any person hauled into court, who is too poor to hire a lawyer, cannot be assured a fair trial unless counsel is provided for him";

WHEREAS, at his retrial with the assistance of counsel, Clarence Earl Gideon was acquitted; and

WHEREAS, 40 years later, implementation of the right to counsel is extremely uneven across the nation, and people who cannot afford counsel are regularly denied their basic right to a qualified attorney, resulting in unjust, life-altering verdicts. Public trust and confidence in

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criminal justice systems are shaken by exonerations of the innocent, revelations of overloaded and underfunded indigent defense systems, and a sense that the quality of justice people receive is determined by the amount of money they have. Contrary to this, the District of Columbia has striven to provide quality defense representation to all of its indigent residents.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares March 18, 2003 as "Gideon Day" in the District of Columbia and considers it a pleasure to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court's unanimous decision of *Gideon v. Wainwright*. The Council recognizes the importance of providing legal representation to persons charged with crimes who cannot afford to hire attorneys, to acknowledge the contributions of the Public Defender Service, the attorneys appointed under the Criminal Justice Act, pro bono attorneys and all those in the District of Columbia's criminal justice system who work daily to give life to the spirit of the *Gideon* decision that the quality of a defendant's criminal defense representation ought not be determined by the income or wealth of that defendant, and the Council of the District of Columbia encourages all residents of the District of Columbia to join in this resolution.

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

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To salute Jorge Morales who is capping 28 years of service to the government of the District of Columbia

WHEREAS, Jorge was born in Bolivia and came to the United States as a young man to study at the University of Maryland and received a degree in electrical engineering;

WHEREAS, following receipt of an MBA from the University of Denver, he worked for a time for Philips Electronics in the Netherlands and also spent time in Latin America assisting his former wife with research in international law;

WHEREAS, Jorge's career in the District of Columbia started when the new Home Rule government was barely a month old- on February 20, 1975- and has spanned the administrations of all four Home Rule mayors;

WHEREAS, Jorge began his District of Columbia service as a professional in the Office of Budget and Resource Development from 1975 to 1981. One of the key areas Jorge worked on for the office was the District's pension systems for police officers, firefighters, and teachers. Under federal control these systems were totally pay as you go;

WHEREAS, Jorge worked closely with key Congressional committees on financial analysis and benefits design. This led to the enactment in 1979 of the Retirement Reform Act, which included establishment of the District of Columbia Retirement Board and the beginning of a fund to pay for pension benefits;

WHEREAS, Jorge grew up not only with the new District government but also with the District of Columbia Retirement Board. He was named coordinator of the Interagency Working Group to implement the Retirement Reform Act. He became the first employee- and for a while the only employee other than a temporary secretary hired by the Board at its first organizational meeting on February 6, 1981. In that capacity he was responsible for establishing all of the

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functions necessary to ensure a sound working Board and agency;

WHEREAS, Jorge served as Deputy Director for Operations and Benefits from 1981 to 1995. The Board named him Acting Executive Director in 1995 and Executive Director in 1996. During this time the Retirement Funds grew from initial assets of \$110 million to assets of \$5.1 billion at the time of the federal- District split of assets in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Jorge Morales has been a resident of the District's Ward Six Capitol Hill neighborhood since 1976. He has two sons and a baby daughter. We wish him well with his new family and wish him the very best in his retirement.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution shall be cited as the "Jorge Morales Retirement from D.C. Government Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes Jorge Morales for 28 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 18, 2003

To recognize the denial of full congressional voting representation and local governmental autonomy to residents of the District of Columbia who share all the responsibilities of being Americans - defending our nation in times of war, serving on federal juries, and paying federal income taxes - but who are denied equal rights with their fellow Americans living in various states, and to declare April 15, 2003 as "DC Voting Rights Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, over half a million people living in the District of Columbia, the capital of our democratic nation, are denied voting representation in the United States Senate and House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, Congress continues to deny District residents the right to local governmental autonomy and requires the District to submit its budget for approval to the United States House of Representatives and Senate in which they have no voting representation;

WHEREAS, District residents have fought and died to defend America's democracy in every war since the War for Independence;

WHEREAS, more District residents serve per capita on federal juries than all but one jurisdiction in the United States;

WHEREAS, District residents are subject to taxation without representation, paying over \$3 billion annually in federal income taxes, but remain without voting representation in the United States House of Representatives and Senate;

WHEREAS, our nation is founded on the principles of 'one person, one vote' and government by the consent of the governed; and

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WHEREAS, unequal voting representation in our representative democracy is inconsistent with the founding principles of this Nation, and District residents are entitled to true self-governance and political representation.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution shall be cited as the "DC Voting Rights Day Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the injustice of taxation without representation, and declares April 15, 2003 as "DC Voting Rights Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 1, 2003

To recognize and honor Interstate Worldwide Relocation on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary, and to declare March 15, 2003 as "Interstate Worldwide Relocation Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Interstate Worldwide Relocation, founded in Washington, D.C., in 1943 and now headquartered in Springfield, Virginia, has provided the citizens and businesses of the Washington metropolitan area with 60 years of invaluable service;

WHEREAS, Interstate Worldwide Relocation has a longstanding commitment to serving the needs of the community, both in the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland;

WHEREAS, Interstate Worldwide Relocation has been one of the region's largest sources of continued employment;

WHEREAS, Interstate Worldwide Relocation has ably demonstrated its dedication to the support of education from the elementary school level through and including endowed scholarships at universities;

WHEREAS, Interstate Worldwide Relocation has supported the children of the District of Columbia through continued contributions to daycare centers, preschools and communities (particularly the Barry Farms community) throughout the holiday season ;

WHEREAS, Interstate Worldwide Relocation is nationally recognized as an innovator and leader in the relocation industry and thereby brings special recognition to the Washington, D.C., region, and

WHEREAS, Interstate Worldwide Relocation has provided a superior level of service to military families moving domestically and internationally and has worked closely with each

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branch of the Department of Defense to improve and implement new relocation programs to facilitate the moves of military families.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Interstate Worldwide Relocation 60th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates Interstate Worldwide Relocation for the valuable contribution it has made to the District of Columbia for the last 60 years, and declares March 15, 2003 as "Interstate Worldwide Relocation Day" in the District of Columbia.

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

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 1, 2003

To recognize The Summer Opera Theatre Company for its contribution to the cultural, artistic and educational life of the District of Columbia and throughout the Washington Metropolitan Area.

WHEREAS, The Summer Opera Theatre Company of Washington, D.C., will celebrate its Silver Anniversary at its 25th Annual Gala Dinner and Musicale on March 22, 2003;

WHEREAS, The Summer Opera Theatre Company has produced 25 years of sterling performances enriching the lives of its patrons, and the entire metropolitan Washington's cultural and performance arts-loving community;

WHEREAS, The Summer Opera Theatre Company, through its mission, created an environment where the arts can flourish, grow and thrive, and new and aspiring performers can conduct their art form; and

WHEREAS, The Summer Opera Theatre Company's strong support of artistic education in Washington, D.C., through scholarships, youth programs and outreach deepened the lives of inner city and suburban students and residents.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Summer Opera Theatre Company Recognition Resolution of 2003".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes The Summer Opera Theatre Company on the occasion of its 25th Annual Gala Dinner and Musicale on March 22, 2003, and thanks it for its extraordinary commitment and dedication to the performing arts and sciences and arts education in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. The Secretary to the Council shall transmit a copy of this resolution to The Summer Opera Theatre Company, Inc.

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

