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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 6, 2008

We are proud to recognize, honor, and express our overwhelming gratitude to Ann Marie Crowley for her commitment to excellence as an educator and administrator and for her 37 years of service to Holy Trinity School in the District of Columbia and to declare May 31, 2008, as "Ann Marie Crowley Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Ann Marie Crowley, who received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education at Mt. St. Agnes College in Baltimore, Maryland and attended Trinity College in the District of Columbia in the Masters in the Art of teaching program, has served the education community as a teacher or administrator for 42 years, 37 of those years at Holy Trinity School in Georgetown;

WHEREAS, Ann Marie Crowley, in 1979, became the youngest person to serve as principal in the Archdiocese of Washington and the first lay principal of Holy Trinity School;

WHEREAS, Ann Marie Crowley's outstanding contributions have been widely recognized by both local and national organizations, including: The City of Washington, DC Citation for Service to the City of Washington, DC by Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly in 1991, The Bishop Lyons Outstanding Principal of the Year Award in 1995, Loyola College Outstanding Alumni Award in 1995, Georgetown of the Year Award in 1996 by the *Georgetown Newspaper*, and Principal of the Year Award from the Archdiocese of Washington in 2007;

WHEREAS, Ann Marie Crowley is most remembered for her contributions to the tutoring and special needs program developed at Holy Trinity School, the first of its kind in the Archdiocese of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Ann Marie Crowley was the catalyst for the development of an in-school evaluation, tutoring, and support program that ensures that no student, no matter what their learning difference or style, will be left behind at Holy Trinity School.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and appreciates Ann Marie Crowley's 37 years of service to Holy Trinity School; for her commitment to excellence in education and dedication to teaching; for being the positive force in the lives of thousands of students at Holy Trinity School; and for being a leader and mentor to the students, faculty, and staff at Holy Trinity School. In wishing her only the best upon her retirement, the Council of the District of Columbia declares May 31, 2008, as "Ann Marie Crowley 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 recognize, honor, and congratulate Fred A. Watkins on the occasion of his retirement after 31 years of service as a sworn officer in the District government Protective Services Division Police.

WHEREAS, Fred A. Watkins was born on September 14, 1947, in Bristol, Virginia, the son of Gardenia Watkins and stepson of Hailey Webb;

WHEREAS, Fred A. Watkins was raised in Meadowsview, Virginia, and attended elementary school there and later attended both Douglas High School in Bristol, Virginia, and Patrick Henry High School in Emory, Virginia;

WHEREAS, while in high school, Fred A. Watkins was a football star and was offered scholarships to both Bluefield State University and to Virginia State University;

WHEREAS, Fred A. Watkins was unable to accept either scholarship as he received the unavoidable "call" from "Uncle Sam" and was drafted into the United States Army in October, 1966, and served in the Vietnam War Theater from 1967 until 1968;

WHEREAS, following his service in the United States Military, Fred A. Watkins returned home and worked for U.S. Gypsum until 1971, when he moved to the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 1969, Fred A. Watkins was joined in holy matrimony to his wife, Ava, and they are the very proud and doting parents of 2 daughters, Sonya Lyons and Felicia Watkins, one son, Fred Watkins, Jr., and 4 grandchildren, Terrence Lyons, Alicia Lyons, Chance Watkins, and JaiLyn Watkins;

WHEREAS, Fred A. Watkins worked in security for Hechinger Company until May, 1977, when he came to work for the Government of the District of Columbia;

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WHEREAS, during his 31-year tenure of outstanding public service, Fred A. Watkins has been a familiar, friendly, and helpful face to the Councilmembers, the Mayors, the staff, the District citizens, and the many visitors who have worked in or visited the John A. Wilson Building (formerly known as the District Building) or at One Judiciary Square, where the Council of the District of Columbia and the Executive Office of the Mayor relocated while the Wilson Building was being renovated;

WHEREAS, Fred A. Watkins is looking forward to spending a little time in his retirement fishing, camping, and watching football and other sporting events; and

WHEREAS, Fred A. Watkins has stated that he has "*treasured the thrill, pleasure, and privilege of working for and serving*" the citizens of the District of Columbia through his service as a sworn member of the Protective Services Division Police, which protects the officials and employees working in and the buildings of the District government.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Fred A. Watkins Outstanding Public Service Recognition Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, congratulates, commends, and expresses gratitude to Fred A. Watkins on the occasion of his retirement after 31 years of outstanding public service, and holds him out as a positive role model to all District government employees.

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 recognize Murch Elementary School for its extraordinary academic achievement and for receiving the No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Award.

WHEREAS, Murch Elementary School has a long history of educational excellence;

WHEREAS, the No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes Murch Elementary School because it is the highest-achieving school in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon nomination acknowledges the hard work of the Murch Elementary School students, staff members, families, and the community in closing the achievement gap; and

WHEREAS, the United States. Department of Education recognizes and presents Murch Elementary School as one of its elementary school models.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends Murch Elementary School for its receipt of the No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Award.

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

May 6, 2008

To recognize Ralph Temple for his contribution to the law and civil liberties.

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2008, the American Civil Liberties Union of the National Capital Area ("ACLU-NCA") presented to attorney Ralph J. Temple its annual Alan and Adrienne Barth Award for exemplary volunteer service;

WHEREAS, Alan Barth was a founder of the ACLU-NCA, and Adrienne Barth was an ACLU activist in her own right, having served for decades as a weekly legal intake volunteer;

WHEREAS, legions of friends, fellow lawyers, past clients, and others, who have been so inspired over the years by the bold, trailblazing, and trend-setting efforts of Mr. Temple, gathered at the luncheon;

WHEREAS, in particular, Mr. Temple's defense of matters involving the First Amendment is deeply valued and typified his tenure with the ACLU and in other venues;

WHEREAS, Mr. Temple has been widely praised for his signature work on the District's model police demonstration law, the First Amendment Rights and Police Standards Act of 2004;

WHEREAS, in April 2000, in connection with mass arrests of World Trade protesters by District of Columbia police, Mr. Temple prepared a series of memoranda presenting a strategy for challenging mass arrests, based on ACLU-NCA's 1960s and 1970s victories against the mass arrests of anti-Vietnam War protesters;

WHEREAS, those memoranda were supportive of litigation culminating in the precedent-setting 2004 settlement in *Abbate v. Ramsey*, requiring across-the-board reform in District of Columbia police mass demonstration policies and practices;

WHEREAS, in December 2003, Mr. Temple wrote the ACLU-NCA's report, "The Policing of Demonstrations in the Nation's Capital: A Misconception of Mission and a Failure of Leadership;"

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WHEREAS, on December 17, 2003, Mr. Temple's report was presented to the Council of the District of Columbia along with Mr. Temple's 1½ hours of testimony as a special witness, which significantly contributed to the Council's enactment of the First Amendment Rights and Police Standards Act of 2004, the nation's most significant legislation restricting police conduct during mass demonstrations—legislation that has helped to illuminate the vital importance of free speech to our constitutional government;

WHEREAS, in 1975, Mr. Temple was involved in *A Quaker Action Group v. Morton*, 7-year litigation that produced 5 opinions by the United States Court of Appeals, and culminated in the invalidation of restrictions the government tried to impose on demonstrations at the White House;

WHEREAS, in 1972, Mr. Temple was involved in *Jeannette Rankin Brigade v. Chief of the Capitol Police*, a case in which the court invalidated a statute prohibiting demonstrations at the United States Capitol, based on a record established by the ACLU in *U.S. v. Nicholson*;

WHEREAS, Mr. Temple was involved in *Women Strike for Peace v. Morton*, a case which forced the government to allow protest activities and displays in federal parks on the same basis that civic or religious activities and displays are allowed;

WHEREAS, in several landmark cases arising from the May Week 1971 anti-Vietnam war protests—the largest mass arrests in American history—Mr. Temple succeeded in securing an injunction against the prosecution of 14,517 people who were arrested, the expungement of their arrest records, and over \$5 million in damages for their wrongful arrests; and

WHEREAS, in *Washington Mobilization v. Cullinane*, another of Mr. Temple's cases, a 3-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals reversed an injunction against police sweep arrests, indiscriminate violence, and protracted booking procedures.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the importance of Mr. Ralph Temple and his contribution to the law and civil liberties.

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

May 6, 2008

To recognize and honor Howard University's Alternative Spring Break program and to declare April 21, 2008, as "Howard University Alternative Spring Break Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Howard University's Alternative Spring Break program has been taking students on public service missions since 1996;

WHEREAS, more than 1,200 students have participated in the Alternative Spring Break program in the last 2 years by traveling to New Orleans to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina;

WHEREAS, students have partnered with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and the Common Ground Relief effort to clean and rebuild homes for the victims of New Orleans;

WHEREAS, Howard University students have tutored the youth from states affected by Hurricane Katrina;

WHEREAS, Howard University School of Law students have worked with the public defender's office to assist property owners in eminent domain cases and other litigation;

WHEREAS, Howard University's chapter of Engineers without Borders spent 7 days in Panama to help enhance the life of the residents and staff of an orphanage;

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2006, ABC World News Tonight named 250 Howard University volunteers as coveted People of the Week; and

WHEREAS, Howard University's Alternative Spring Break program has been reported with great distinction on ABC, CNN, and MSNBC.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Howard University Alternative Spring Break Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Howard University's Alternative Spring Break program and declares April 21, 2008, as "Howard University Alternative Spring Break 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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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 6, 2008

To acknowledge and honor Louise B. Martin for her service to the Brentwood community.

WHEREAS, Louise B. Martin was born on February 27, 1922, in the state of Virginia, moved to Washington, D.C. in April of 1952, and is the mother of 2 children, Samuel and Linda Martin;

WHEREAS, Louise B. Martin worked in the Virginia school system for over 13 years and taught in the District of Columbia Public Schools system for 27 years;

WHEREAS, Louise B. Martin served as President of the Brentwood Community Association, Inc. for 37 years and worked with parents and students at Drew Elementary School as an advocate for family programs and services and a better quality of life for all;

WHEREAS, Louise B. Martin worked in conjunction with government officials and the community in providing retail and employment opportunities in Brentwood that resulted in a new Giant Food grocery store and the Home Depot store;

WHEREAS, Louise B. Martin worked diligently with the Department of Parks and Recreation to open the new Brentwood Recreation Center in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Louise B. Martin received several awards and acknowledgments for her dedication to the Brentwood Community: Outstanding Citizens Award, Metropolitan Community Policing Partner Award, The DC Federation of Civic Association's Joseph W. Carter Award, and an award from the Honorable Harry L. Thomas, Sr.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Louise B. Martin for making life better for individuals of all ages in the Brentwood area of Ward 5.

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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

May 6, 2008

To recognize Hearst Elementary School for becoming the first District of Columbia public school to attain accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children for its Early Childhood program.

WHEREAS, Hearst Elementary School is a community of culturally diverse students drawn from wards spread throughout Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Hearst Elementary School is an Early Childhood Center, which caters to the unique developmental needs of children ages 4 to 8 years old;

WHEREAS, Hearst Elementary School's primary goal is to rekindle the spirit of the early childhood classroom where students come to learn and successfully reach academic goals through multi-sensory experiences, in an environment that promotes thought, freedom of expression, and an excitement for the unexplored;

WHEREAS, Hearst Elementary School has desired to become accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children ("NAEYC") process since October 13, 2006;

WHEREAS, in October 2006, Hearst Elementary School submitted a proposal to pilot the NAEYC Accreditation Process in the District of Columbia Public Schools ("DCPS");

WHEREAS, Hearst Elementary School highlighted the benefits of accreditation, not only as it relates to high rates of success in early childhood classrooms and beyond, but also how it corresponds to the goals outlined in the Master Education Plan;

WHEREAS, Hearst Elementary School not only wanted to achieve NAEYC accreditation, but more importantly, seeks to help train additional DCPS teachers and principals to begin the process of NAEYC Accreditation;

WHEREAS, Hearst Elementary School's plan initially aims at working with 2 schools a

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year in each ward of the city, which would allow all DCPS Early Childhood Education programs to become accredited by 2018; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2007, Hearst Elementary School achieved accreditation by the NAEYC, scoring an overall 98% in both Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classroom and 100%+ on 8 out of 10 of the criteria.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Hearst Elementary School Early Childhood Program Recognition Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia commends Hearst Elementary School for becoming the first District of Columbia public school to attain accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children for its Early Childhood program.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 6, 2008

To commemorate the 61th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball and to declare April 17, 2008, as "The George Washington University Jackie Robinson Society Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Jack Roosevelt Robinson's courageous act of breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball led to personal attacks and insults;

WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson's non-violent courage inspired other African Americans to break down racial barriers in the 1940's and 1950's;

WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson first started his civil rights activism in the Army by refusing to give up his seat to a white officer in 1943 and was court marshaled for his principled stance;

WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson retired from Major League Baseball in 1956 and began a long and distinguished career as a civil rights activist, leading demonstrations with Martin Luther King, Jr.;

WHEREAS, Jackie Robinson was inducted into the American Civil Rights Hall of Fame, and in 1962 Jackie Robinson was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, in 1972, Jackie Robinson's jersey number, #42, was permanently retired from baseball and it remains the only retired number; and

WHEREAS, the George Washington University Jackie Robinson Society continues to educate, organize, and mobilize District of Columbia citizens to assure equality, fairness, and justice.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this

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resolution may be cited as the “Jackie Robinson Recognition Resolution of 2008”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Jackie Robinson for his valuable contributions to the District of Columbia and across the nation and declares April 17, 2008, as “The George Washington University Jackie Robinson Society Day” in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 6, 2008

To recognize, honor, and welcome Chief Executive of Fuzhou Municipality Yuan Rongxiang on his visit to the District of Columbia on April 18 through 20, 2008.

WHEREAS, Yuan Rongxiang was born in March of 1955 in Zhejiang, China;

WHEREAS, Yuan Rongxiang has been in public service for over 20 years, dedicating his life to seniors and youth, in addition to developing relationships worldwide;

WHEREAS, Yuan Rongxiang was elected Chief Executive of Fuzhou Municipality in Fujian Province in May 2005 and continues to serve the people of Fujian city to this day;

WHEREAS, Yuan Rongxiang, since November 2006, has served as Chairman of the Fuzhou People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries; and

WHEREAS, Yuan Rongxiang is visiting Washington, D.C. to bring goodwill and further educational and cultural opportunities in the nation's capital and to reaffirm the ties between China and the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Chief Executive Yuan Rongxiang Recognition Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and welcomes Chief Executive of Fuzhou Municipality Yuan Rongxiang to the District of Columbia and commends him for his devoted public service.

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

May 6, 2008

To recognize and honor the Washington DC Hall Of Fame for its 9 years of dedicated service to the residents of the District of Columbia and to congratulate the Washington DC Hall of Famers for 2008 and to declare April 27, 2008, as the "Washington DC Hall of Fame Awardees Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Washington DC Hall of Fame was established in 1998 by Dr. Janette Hoston Harris, the first city historian of Washington, D.C., to recognize those stalwarts who contribute to the continued growth of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Washington DC Hall of Fame society rewards residents of the District of Columbia for their excellence, community service, dedication, and leadership;

WHEREAS, the Washington DC Hall of Fame honors those who have established neighborhood programs and led innovative projects that have resulted in improvements in schools and communities, in addition to enhancing the quality of life for residents of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Washington DC Hall of Fame will induct 10 new members, honor 3 awardees posthumously, and present a Special Spirit of Excellence Award at its 9th Annual Gala on Sunday, April 27, 2008;

WHEREAS, the Washington DC Hall of Fame salutes its 2008 Hall of Fame inductees: Mary House's William and Sharon Murphy for civic/community development; Dorothy Gilliam for communications; Lou Stovall for cultural arts; Dr. Shelvie A.L. McCoy for education; Dr. William E. Matory for health; Judge Mary A. Gooden Terrell for law; The Honorable Linda Cropp for politics/government; Reverend Frank D. Tucker for religion; Charles I. Cassell for science/technology/architecture; and Lucille W. Hester for sports;

WHEREAS, the Washington DC Hall of Fame salutes its 2008 Hall of Fame posthumous awardees: Effie Barry, Francis Murphy, and Reverend John Bussey; and

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WHEREAS, the Washington DC Hall of Fame presents its 2008 Hall of Fame Special Spirit of Excellence Award to Nancy Suggs for the preservation and restoration of public education records and archives.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Washington DC Hall of Fame Awards Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and salutes the Washington DC Hall of Famers for their valuable contributions to the residents of the District of Columbia, and declares April 27, 2008, as the "Washington DC Hall of Fame Awardees 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

May 6, 2008

To recognize April 26, 2008, as the 30th Anniversary of the Summer Opera Theatre of Washington, D.C., and to salute the Summer Opera Theatre Company for this achievement.

WHEREAS, the Summer Opera Theatre Company of Washington, D.C. will celebrate its 30th anniversary at its Annual Gala Dinner and Musicale on April 26, 2008;

WHEREAS, the Summer Opera Theatre Company has produced 30 years of sterling performances enriching the lives of its patrons, and the entire metropolitan Washington, D.C., cultural and performance arts-loving community; and

WHEREAS, the Summer Opera Theatre Company, through its mission, created an environment in which the arts can flourish, grow, and thrive, and new and aspiring performers can conduct their art forms.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Summer Opera Theatre Company Recognition Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of The District of Columbia congratulates the Summer Opera Theatre Company on the occasion of its 30th Annual Gala Dinner and Musicale on April 26, 2008, and commends the company for its extraordinary commitment and dedication to the performing arts and sciences and arts education 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

May 6, 2008

To recognize and honor the cooperation of DC Brasilia Partners and Bell Multicultural High School in bringing to fruition the Ambassadors of Hope Youth Leadership Exchange Project 2008 and to declare April 29, 2008, as "Ambassadors of Hope Youth Leadership Exchange 2008 Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, DC Brasilia Partners has been organizing high school exchanges with Brasilia, Brazil, since 1998;

WHEREAS, 8 students and 2 teachers from Bell Multicultural High School in Washington, D.C., will have embarked on a cultural and linguistic exchange with 8 students and 2 teachers from the Centros Interescolares de Línguas in Brasilia, Brazil;

WHEREAS, students in the 2 capital cities have created artistic programs to present their culture to other members of the world community;

WHEREAS, the Ambassadors of Hope Project has opened doors for past participants to believe in themselves and create a better future for their country, their community, and themselves;

WHEREAS, participants in the Ambassadors of Hope Project have built bridges by learning more about other cultures, sharing of themselves, and creating greater understanding of others, thereby making the world a little smaller, a little closer, and a little more peaceful;

WHEREAS, participants in the Ambassadors of Hope Project have raised the funds for the exchange themselves through bakes sales, yard sales, dinners, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, participants in the Ambassadors of Hope Project will have carried out community-service activities to improve the lives of others.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Ambassadors of Hope Youth Leadership Exchange Project 2008 Recognition Day Declaration Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the program of DC Brasilia Partners and Bell Multicultural High School and declares April 29, 2008, as "Ambassadors of Hope Youth Leadership Exchange 2008 Recognition Day" in the District of Columbia.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 6, 2008

To honor the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance on the occasion of its 37th anniversary and to recognize the distinguished citizens and organizations to which it will pay tribute at its anniversary reception.

WHEREAS, the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, D.C. ("GLAA") was founded in April 1971 to advance the cause of equal rights for gay people in the District of Columbia through peaceful participation in the political process;

WHEREAS, GLAA ranks as the oldest continuously active gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender rights organization in the country;

WHEREAS, GLAA has long fought to improve District government services to GLBT people, from the police and fire departments, to the Department of Health and the Office of Human Rights;

WHEREAS, GLAA has educated District voters by rating candidates for Mayor and Council;

WHEREAS, GLAA has been an outspoken advocate for a safe and affirming educational environment for sexual minority youth;

WHEREAS, GLAA has participated in lobbying efforts to defeat undemocratic and discriminatory amendments to the District's budget;

WHEREAS, GLAA has been a leader in advancing the rights of same-sex couples and their families in the District, including working with District of Columbia officials to craft an effective legislative strategy; and

WHEREAS, GLAA, at its 37th Anniversary Reception on April 17, 2008, will present its Distinguished Service Awards to several individuals and organizations who have served the

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GLBT community in the District of Columbia, specifically: Dignity/Washington; Christopher Dyer; the D.C. Office of Police Complaints; Sanja Partalo; PreventionWorks!; and Brian Watson.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance 37th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2008".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia salutes the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance on the occasion of its 37th Anniversary Reception on April 17, 2008, and thanks its members for their long record of dedicated service that has advanced the welfare not only of the gay and lesbian community but of the entire population of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. The 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

May 6, 2008

To honor the valuable contributions Darren Harper has made to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Darren Harper was born and raised in the Southeast section of Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Darren Harper is a professional street boarder and began skateboarding at the age of 9;

WHEREAS, Darren Harper was able to skate his way out of drugs, poverty, and crime that claimed the lives of many young people in the District of Columbia to become one of 4 Professional African American skateboarders in the United States;

WHEREAS, Darren Harper has been featured in over 75 international publications as well as on MTV;

WHEREAS, Darren Harper encourages inner-city youth to take a whirl on the rails as an athletic pursuit and as an artistic form of expression;

WHEREAS, Darren Harper is committed to being a role for our youth, and continues to do volunteer and charity work with the "Make-A-Wish" Foundation;

WHEREAS, Darren Harper pledged GUNS ASIDE and will become a spokesperson for ROOT INC.;

WHEREAS, Darren Harper has been skating for over 15 years and has been influential in the rise of skateboard fashion in the hip-hop fashion industry;

WHEREAS, Darren Harper is the first skateboarder signed to Travis Barker's Famous Stars and Straps clothing line; and

WHEREAS, Darren Harper is a member of the immensely popular DGK skate team.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and applauds Darren Harper for his dedication and contributions to the District of Columbia.

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To honor the valuable contribution D.C. United has made to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, D.C. United was a charter member of Major League Soccer when the league was founded in 1996;

WHEREAS, D.C. United has become the most successful team in the history of American professional soccer, having won 11 major domestic and international titles in 12 years;

WHEREAS, D.C. United has proudly and professionally represented the District of Columbia around the world, traveling to competitive matches against 14 teams from 6 countries and hosting 30 teams from 14 foreign countries;

WHEREAS, D.C. United has brought many fans to the District to watch soccer each season, with an average annual paid attendance of 17,473 per game;

WHEREAS, soccer is the No. 1 sport of people of color around the world, and D.C. United's ownership, management, personnel, and players represent that important diversity;

WHEREAS, D.C. United and United for D.C., the 501(c)(3) charitable arm of D.C. United, has been a leader in communities all across the District since the club's inception;

WHEREAS, United for D.C. last year alone brought more than 8,000 children to D.C. United home games for a real game-day experience, including playing time on the field;

WHEREAS, last season alone, United for D.C. started an after-school youth soccer program serving more than 150 elementary students in Wards 6, 7, and 8;

WHEREAS, D.C. United has players who regularly visit District schools as part of the United Reads, and the team is spending several hundred thousand dollars to build professional grade field-turf soccer fields at elementary schools and other sights across the city;

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WHEREAS, we welcome the 13 new players D.C. United and United for D.C. has brought to Washington, D.C., including athletes from Argentina, Colombia, England, and Peru, as well as local players from Virginia and Maryland;

WHEREAS, we express our gratitude to D.C. United and United for D.C. for their admirable and ongoing community work they lovingly provide to children all across the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, we wish D.C. United the best of luck in the upcoming season.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and applauds D.C. United for its dedication and contributions 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.