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February 28, 2023

Nyasha Smith, Secretary
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 2004

Dear Secretary Smith,

Today, I am introducing the **Dorothy Celeste Boulding Ferebee Way Designation Act of 2023**. Please find enclosed a signed copy of the legislation. This bill will symbolically designate the 1800 Block of 2nd St NW in Ward 5 in honor of Dorothy Celeste Boulding Ferebee, a civil rights and public health activist and innovative physician.

Dorothy Celeste Boulding Ferebee (1898-1980) moved to the District in 1925 for an internship at Howard University's Freedmen's Hospital as an obstetrician providing pioneering care for women in sex education. In 1929, in order to provide a recreation and daycare facility open to Black children (as all others in the area at the time were only available to white children), she established the Southeast Settlement House at 301 G St SE. In 1935, she began assisting in the summers with the Mississippi Health Project which was a mobile clinic and education program for sharecropping families in Mississippi. In 1939, she was elected national president of her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She held many additional leadership positions throughout her life, including Medical Director for Howard's Health Services, President of the National Council of Negro Women, served on the boards of the White House's Children and Youth Council, and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and was appointed as one of five U.S. delegates to the World Health Organization's twentieth assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.

Dorothy Celeste Boulding Ferebee's home of many years was on the block of 2nd St NW that this bill seeks to symbolically designate. I submit this bill in an effort to help preserve the District's history and acknowledge the contributions of notable residents such as Dorothy Celeste Boulding Ferebee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zachary Parker".

Zachary Parker
Ward 5 Councilmember


Councilmember Zachary Parker

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13 To symbolically designate the 1800 Block of 2nd Street, N.W., in Ward 5, as Dorothy Celeste
14 Boulding Ferebee Way.
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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
17 act may be cited as the “Dorothy Celeste Boulding Ferebee Way Designation Act of 2023”.

18 Sec. 2. Pursuant to sections 401, 403a, and 423 of the Street and Alley Closing and
19 Acquisition Procedures Act of 1982, effective March 10, 1983 (D.C. Law 4-201; D.C. Official
20 Code §§ 9-204.01, 9-204.03a, and 9-204.23), the Council symbolically designates the 1800
21 Block of 2nd Street, N.E., in Ward 5, as “Dorothy Celeste Boulding Ferebee Way.”.

22 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

23 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
24 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
25 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

26 Sec. 4. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect after approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
28 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
29 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
30 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
31 Columbia Register.