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2 Councilmember LaRuby May


Councilmember Anita Bonds

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5 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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8 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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10 To recognize and honor Phinis Jones for his contributions to the District of Columbia as a
11 community.

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13 WHEREAS, Phinis Jones is a successful businessman, community activist,
14 philanthropist, and resident of Ward 8 for nearly 50 years;

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16 WHEREAS, Phinis Jones established, and continues to run, his company Capitol
17 Services Management, Inc. since 1985;

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19 WHEREAS, Phinis Jones is a valuable resource for many government officials
20 and startup businesses having served as Chief of Staff for former Councilmember
21 Wilhelmina J. Rolark;

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23 WHEREAS, Phinis Jones is an active member of his community and remains
24 involved by engaging and contributing funds to the Congress Heights Civic Association,
25 Anacostia Coordinating Council, Ward 8 Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, and the
26 7th District Police Department;

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28 WHEREAS, Phinis Jones philanthropic activities include donating hundreds of
29 Thanksgiving baskets and toys for the holidays to Ward 8 residents annually;

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31 WHEREAS, Phinis Jones is the founder of Congress Heights Community
32 Training & Development Corporation in 1987, that is responsible for placing more than
33 6000 residents in permanent employment, creating 500+ units of affordable housing, and
34 mentoring hundreds of small businesses;

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36 WHEREAS, Phinis Jones is Founding Publisher of the Capital News, a black
37 owned newspaper that “tells the untold stories” of emerging communities;

1 WHEREAS, Phinis Jones redeveloped the Old Congress Heights School site that
2 now serves more than 600 youth in grades Pre K, 3 – 6;

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4 WHEREAS, Phinis Jones has a firm commitment to hiring Ward 8 residents that
5 is evidenced by him currently employing more than 30 ward 8 residents;

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7 WHEREAS, Phinis Jones as an avid art collector opened the 1st Art Gallery in
8 Congress Heights and named it the Congress Heights Arts and Culture Center;

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10 WHEREAS, Phinis Jones is a proud father of three and grandfather of four;

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12 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that
13 this resolution may be cited as the “Phinis Jones Recognition Resolution of 2016”.

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15 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Mr. Phinis Jones and
16 his contributions to the District as a community.

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