

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 7, 2017

To recognize and honor the work of Channing D. Phillips for his service as District of Columbia U.S. Attorney.

WHEREAS, Channing D. Phillips was born in the District of Columbia, the eldest child of Jane and Channing E. Phillips, a District clergyman, civil rights activist, and, in 1968, the first African American to be placed in nomination for President by a major political party;

WHEREAS, Channing D. Phillips is a graduate of the District's Wilson High School and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree at the University of Virginia in 1980 and a law degree at Howard University in 1986;

WHEREAS, Channing D. Phillips began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Shellie F. Bowers of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, serving from September of 1987 to August of 1990.

WHEREAS, from 1994 through 2010, Channing D. Phillips served the U.S. Attorney's Office in several capacities, including Assistant U.S. Attorney; Special Counsel to the United States Attorney; Chief of Staff for the United States Attorney; and Principal Assistant United States Attorney;

WHEREAS, subsequent to his tenure at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Channing D. Phillips served as the Deputy Associate Attorney General for the U.S. Department of Justice, working on the Attorney General's Diversity Management Plan, and, thereafter, became Senior Counselor to the Attorney General focusing on criminal justice matters and reform efforts until October 2015;

WHEREAS, based on the findings of the Federal Law Enforcement Nominating Commission, D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton recommended Channing D. Phillips to President Barack Obama for U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2015, President Barack Obama nominated Channing D. Phillips for U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia;

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WHEREAS, Channing D. Phillips took office on October 19, 2015, replacing Acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Vincent Cohen;

WHEREAS, Channing D. Phillips led the District of Columbia's U.S. Attorney's Office, both the largest U.S. Attorney's office and unique among the 93 United States Attorney's Offices, as it conducts both local and federal prosecutions for the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Channing D. Phillips managed over 350 assistant United States Attorneys and over 350 support staff to fulfill the work of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Channing D. Phillips served with rigor and integrity until he was replaced by President Donald Trump's nominee, Jessie K. Liu, in September 2017.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA That this resolution may be cited as the "Channing D. Phillips Recognition Resolution of 2017".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Channing D. Phillips for his years of service to the District of Columbia as the U.S. Attorney.

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