

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 6, 2018

To recognize and honor Barbara Adams Mowat for her remarkable contributions as a Shakespeare scholar with the Folger Shakespeare Library on Capitol Hill and the international Shakespeare literary community.

WHEREAS, Barbara Adams Mowat was born in Eufaula, Alabama on January 29, 1934;

WHEREAS, Barbara Adams Mowat earned a bachelor's degree from Auburn University in Mathematics;

WHEREAS, Barbara Adams Mowat did graduate work in Innsbruck, Austria, studying the philosophy of science on a Fulbright scholarship, where she discovered that "what I truly loved doing was reading and that I could make a living doing just that";

WHEREAS, Barbara Adams Mowat earned a master's degree in English from the University of Virginia, working with the eminent Shakespeare scholar Fredson Bowers, where she discovered that "studying Shakespeare was where I belonged";

WHEREAS, Barbara Adams Mowat received a doctorate from Auburn University, where she later taught;

WHEREAS, Barbara Adams Mowat was best known for her work of over 20 years as Editor with Paul Werstine of the Folger Shakespeare Library Editions of Shakespeare's works;

WHEREAS, to date, more than 17 million copies of these books have been sold in all formats and the editions have become the leading choice for American high-school students;

WHEREAS, in recent years, Barbara Adams Mowat has helped guide the creation of the Folger Digital Texts from the Shakespeare Library Editions;

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WHEREAS, Barbara Adams Mowat was Consulting Editor and Editor at *Shakespeare Quarterly*, Director of Research at the Folger Shakespeare Library, and Chair of the Folger Institute; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Adams Mowat was President of the Shakespeare Association and of the Southeast Renaissance Conference, as well as Chair of the MLA Committee on the New Variorum Shakespeare and member of the Advisory Board of the International Shakespeare Conference in Stratford-upon-Avon.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Barbara Adams Mowat Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia acknowledges and honors Barbara Adams Mowat

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