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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To honor and celebrate Bertha M. Dukes on the occasion of her 101st birthday.

WHEREAS, Bertha M. Dukes was born in St. Mary’s County, Maryland on April 18, 1917;

WHEREAS, Bertha M. Dukes relocated to Washington, DC in her early twenties;

WHEREAS, Bertha M. Dukes has been an active resident and member of the Ward 5 community for several years;

WHEREAS, Bertha and William J. Dukes Jr. married in Washington, DC and expanded their family with step-children and step-grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Bertha M. Dukes is a wife, stepmother, aunt, and mentor to many;

WHEREAS, Bertha M. Dukes has been a lifelong member of the Bethesda United Methodist Church in Valley Lee, Maryland;

WHEREAS, Bertha M. Dukes opened her home to family, friends, and strangers, welcoming all with shelter, food and a smile;

WHEREAS, Bertha M. Duke dedicated her time to the welfare of others, earning the respect and affection of people from all walks of life;

WHEREAS Bertha M. Dukes was an avid fan of the Patuxent Sluggers Baseball Team, served as a mother figure to the players, and travelled to their games; and

WHEREAS, Berth M. Dukes cared for many, including a well-known senator, news anchor and their respective families.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, This resolution may be cited as “Bertha M. Dukes 101st Birthday Celebration Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

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39           Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors and celebrates Mrs. Bertha M.  
40 Dukes for 101 amazing years.

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