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2 Chairman Phil Mendelson

  
Councilmember Brandon T. Todd

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6 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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9 COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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11 To recognize and honor Loretta Neumann for her dedication to the District, strong  
12 advocacy for preserving the District's history, and commitment to Ward 4.

13 WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann is a longtime District resident, residing in Ward 4's  
14 Takoma neighborhood for almost 45 years;

15 WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann Holds a Master's Degree from Antioch University  
16 and a Bachelor's Degree from Oklahoma State University.

17 WHEREAS, for 4 years, Loretta Neumann was the Advisory Neighborhood  
18 Commissioner for Single Member District 4B02;

19 WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann was President of Neighbors, Inc., an organization  
20 formed in 1958 to promote integration in Brightwood, Shepherd Park, and Takoma, and  
21 later the entirety of Ward 4;

22 WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann co-founded Historic Takoma, Inc., a non-profit  
23 organization created to preserve the heritage of the Takoma Park neighborhood of DC  
24 and Takoma Park, MD through educational activities and the preservation of historic  
25 landmarks and artifacts;

26 WHEREAS, in the 1970's, Loretta Neumann played an active role in securing the  
27 designation for the Takoma Historic District;

28 WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann is a co-founder and the president of the Takoma  
29 Theatre Conservancy, an organization founded in 2007 with the aim of saving the  
30 Takoma Theatre through acquisition, renovation and development, and overseeing its  
31 operation as a professionally managed, community-based cultural arts and education  
32 center;

33 WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann handled issues and legislation on energy,  
34 environment, and land conservation while working at the United States House of  
35 Representatives for over a decade;

36 WHEREAS, for 6 years, Loretta Neumann was on the board of the DC Preservation  
37 League, whose mission is to preserve, protect, and enhance the historic and built  
38 environment of the District through advocacy and education;

39 WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann is a trustee of the Committee of 100 on the Federal  
40 City, which promotes responsible land use and planning and advocates for the  
41 fundamental values of the L'Enfant and McMillan Plans;

42 WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann is a founding member and the current President of  
43 the Alliance to Preserve the Civil War Defenses of Washington, an association of  
44 individuals interested in the Civil War and historic preservation of the Civil War  
45 Defenses of Washington;

46 WHEREAS, when Vice President of the Alliance to Preserve the Civil War  
47 Defenses of Washington, Loretta Neumann was a panelist on a National Capital Planning  
48 Commission panel on Washington's Civil War Forts and Parks;

49 WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann helped to develop the 1987 Abandoned Shipwreck  
50 Act, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1979, and  
51 amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act;

52 WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann directed the American Heritage Rivers Initiative for  
53 the White House Council on Environmental Quality;

54 WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann is presently the Membership and Communications  
55 Coordinator for the Woman's National Democratic Club;

56 WHEREAS, in 1998, Loretta Neumann received the Society for American  
57 Archeology Public Service Award for her contributions to preserving America's  
58 archaeological heritage; and

59 WHEREAS, in 2010, Loretta Neumann received the Takoma Foundations'  
60 Takavist Azalea Award for her civic leadership.

61 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
62 resolution may be cited as the "Loretta Neumann Recognition Resolution of 2018".

63 Sec. 2. The Council honors Loretta Neumann for her commitment to the culture  
64 and history of both the District as whole and Ward 4, and recognizes her for her role as a  
65 community leader.

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