

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 1, 2018

To recognize and honor Loretta Neumann for her dedication to the District, strong advocacy for preserving the District's history, and commitment to Ward 4.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann co-founded Historic Takoma, Inc., a nonprofit organization created to preserve the heritage of the Takoma Park neighborhood of the District of Columbia and Takoma Park, Maryland through educational activities and the preservation of historic landmarks and artifacts;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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