

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

22-353

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2018

To honor Jan Allen May for his dedication to District of Columbia seniors for over 40 years.

WHEREAS, Jan Allen May graduated from Antioch School of Law (now the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law) in 1977;

WHEREAS, during law school, Mr. May was a law clerk for District of Columbia Councilmember David A. Clarke;

WHEREAS, after graduating law school in 1977, Mr. May became the first staff attorney at Legal Counsel for the Elderly, on June 22, 1977;

WHEREAS, since November 2002, Mr. May has been the Executive Director of Legal Counsel for the Elderly;

WHEREAS, Mr. May was one of the co-founders, and served as a Chair, of the Consortium of Legal Services Providers of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Mr. May was one of the co-founders of the Senior Advisory Coalition;

WHEREAS, Mr. May devoted his entire 41-year legal career to improving the lives of the District's low-income seniors at Legal Counsel for the Elderly;

WHEREAS, under Mr. May's leadership, Legal Counsel for the Elderly has grown to have 65 staff members;

WHEREAS, Mr. May was instrumental in creating a Legal Hotline that was the first of its kind in the nation and served as a model for programs nationally;

WHEREAS, Mr. May created one of the first legal services Pro Bono Projects of its kind, piloted and replicated numerous projects relying upon volunteer attorneys, and served on the American Bar Association's Second Season of Service to create *pro bono* opportunities for

retiring attorneys;

WHEREAS, Mr. May created a Systemic Law Project that serves as a replicable model nationwide for placing policy-related projects with *pro bono* counsel;

WHEREAS, Mr. May has mentored hundreds of new supervisors and Executive Directors nationwide through leading several national trainings, writing over 100 management articles, and serving for years on the Editorial Board of the Management Information Exchange Journal;

WHEREAS, Mr. May's lifetime of service has created a ripple effect of advocacy that has empowered, defended, and protected tens of thousands of District of Columbia seniors, allowing them to age with dignity and purpose;

WHEREAS, Mr. May has been recognized for his impressive career by the District of Columbia Bar Foundation (2000 Jerrold Scoutt Prize), University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (2003 Advocate for Justice Award), Washington Council of Lawyers (2004 President's Award), and Legal Counsel for the Elderly (2014 Justice Potter Stewart Award);

WHEREAS, Mr. May has earned the deep respect of legal services colleagues within Legal Counsel for the Elderly, AARP, and the local and national legal services community; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. May's retirement from Legal Counsel for the Elderly on July 6, 2018.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Mr. Jan Allen May along with the services and contributions he has rendered to the District as a community leader.

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