


Councilmember Anita Bonds

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To honor Dolores Clara Fernández Huerta for her dedication to humanity and workers' rights.

WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta was born to parents Juan Fernández, a union organizer and New Mexico State Legislator, and Alicia Chávez, a businesswoman and community activist, on April 10, 1930 in New Mexico;

WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta was raised in the culturally diverse central California farmworker community of Stockton, California, where she became active in student affairs and the Girl Scouts of America;

WHEREAS, after graduating Stockton College with a degree in teaching, Dolores Huerta became an elementary school teacher, beginning her life long passion for working with children;

WHEREAS, in 1955, Dolores Huerta helped Fred Ross begin the Stockton, CA Chapter of the Community Service Organization, which fought for economic improvements for Latinos;

WHEREAS, in 1960, Dolores Huerta co-founded the Agricultural Workers Association, which advocated for civic participation and reforms for better working and living conditions for those in distressed neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, in 1962, Dolores Huerta co-founded, with César Chávez, the National Farm Workers Association, which would later become the United Farm Workers of America (UFW);

WHEREAS, in 1965, Dolores Huerta directed the UFW's national boycott during the Delano grape strike, taking the plight of the farmworkers to the American public, which resulted in the first collective bargaining agreement within the grape industry;

WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta became a leader in the Feminist Majority Movement by encouraging Latinas to run for public office across the nation;

WHEREAS, for over sixty years, Dolores Huerta has dedicated her life to bringing about economic and social change through peaceful protest, human development, and legislative advancements;

42 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta is President of the Dolores Huerta Foundation (DHF),
43 which organizes at the grassroots level, engaging and developing natural leaders. DHF creates
44 leadership opportunities for community organizing, leadership development, civic engagement,
45 and policy advocacy in the priority areas of health and the environment, education and youth
46 development, and economic development;

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48 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta has received numerous awards and accolades in recognition
49 of her outstanding career, including placement on the “100 Most Important Women of the 20th
50 Century” list by the Ladies’ Home Journal and presentation of the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for
51 Human Rights by President William Jefferson Clinton and the Presidential Medal of Freedom by
52 President Barack Obama;

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54 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta has been an outspoken advocate in support of congressional
55 representation and Statehood for the District of Columbia;

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57 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta began the organizing slogan “Sí se puede”, which is used by
58 political and social organizations to uplift and inspire the accomplishment of goals;

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60 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
61 resolution may be cited as the “Dolores Clara Fernández Huerta Ceremonial Recognition
62 Resolution of 2018”.

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64 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Dolores Clara Fernández
65 Huerta along with the services and contributions she has rendered to nation.

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