

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 10, 2018

To honor Andrea Roane for her dedication to the field of broadcast journalism, and the occasion of her retirement from WUSA after 37 years.

WHEREAS, Andrea Roane was born in New Orleans, Louisiana to Frederic and Ethel Roane;

WHEREAS, Andrea and her husband, Michael Skehan, have 2 children, are longtime residents of the District of Columbia, and currently reside in Ward 4;

WHEREAS, Andrea Roane earned her B.A. degree in secondary education in 1971, and her M.A. degree in drama and communications in 1973, both from LSU - New Orleans, now the University of New Orleans;

WHEREAS, Andrea Roane began her distinguished career with WUSA in 1981, and has anchored every news shift from morning to afternoon and late night;

WHEREAS, in 1993, Andrea Roane initiated an innovative Washington, D.C. breast cancer awareness program called Buddy Check 9;

WHEREAS, in 2006, Andrea Roane was named one of Washingtonian Magazine's "Washingtonians Of The Year" for her continued work on breast cancer awareness through her Buddy Check 9 initiative;

WHEREAS, in 2009, Andrea Roane was honored by the Sibley Memorial Hospital Foundation with its Community Service Award for being a passionate breast cancer advocate;

WHEREAS, in 2012, Andrea Roane received the 2012 "Faith Does Justice Award" from Catholic Charities of the Washington Archdiocese;

WHEREAS, in 2014, Andrea Roane was inducted into the DC Hall of Fame;

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WHEREAS, in 2015, Andrea Roane was awarded the 2015 Board of Governors Award by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter for her outstanding work as a journalist and for her community service;

WHEREAS, Andrea Roane is involved in several organizations, and is a member of the Capital Beast Care Center Community Advisory Council, co-chair of the Kennedy Center's Community & Friends Board, a Trustee Emeritus of the Catholic University of America, a Dame of the Order of Malta, a Sustaining Director of the Prevent Cancer Foundation, a member of the board of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, a member of the International Women's Forum, DC, a member of the Metropolitan (DC) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, and a lifetime member of the NAACP;

WHEREAS, in April 2018, Andrea Roane announced her retirement from WUSA after nearly 4 decades; and

WHEREAS, over her illustrious 37-year career with WUSA, Andrea Roane has won multiple Emmy and Gracie Awards and established herself as one of the District's most-esteemed broadcast journalists.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Andrea Roane for her commitment to the field of broadcast journalism, recognizes her for her many philanthropic endeavors, and congratulates her on her retirement from WUSA after 37 years.

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