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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To posthumously recognize and honor J. Patricia Wilson Smoot for her years of exemplary service to the District of Columbia and Federal governments and the residents of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Patricia Smoot was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1964;

WHEREAS, Patricia Smoot earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and Sociology from Bucknell University and a Juris Doctorate from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law;

WHEREAS, Patricia Smoot began her legal career as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Susan R. Holmes Winfield on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, from 1990 to 1994, Patricia Smoot served as a public defender in Prince George's County, Maryland;

WHEREAS, from 1994 to 2002, Patricia Smoot served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, where she was first a trial attorney and then the Director of Professional Development;

WHEREAS, in her time at the Office of the United States Attorney, Patricia Smoot received the Department of Justice Special Achievement and the Victims of Crime Awards;

WHEREAS, from 2002 to 2010, Patricia Smoot served as Deputy State's Attorney for Prince George's County, Maryland, where she oversaw the Sex Offense and Child Abuse Unit, the Domestic Violence Unit, the Juvenile Division, and the District Court Division;

WHEREAS, Patricia Smoot was appointed as a Commissioner to the United States Parole Commission ("USPC") by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate on September 16, 2010;

47 WHEREAS, Patricia Smoot was a Commissioner on the USPC from 2010 to 2015, where
48 she spearheaded the Mental Health Docket, an alternative to incarceration for low-risk, non-violent
49 offenders with mental health disorders or co-occurring disorders;

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51 WHEREAS, while on the USPC, Patricia Smoot also served as the USPC's Acting General
52 Counsel;

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54 WHEREAS, in 2015, President Obama designated Patricia Smoot as the Chairperson of
55 the USPC, and she served in that role until 2018;

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57 WHEREAS, Patricia Smoot subsequently served as the Deputy Director of the Pretrial
58 Services Agency for the District of Columbia;

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60 WHEREAS, Patricia Smoot was also active on a number of boards and committees,
61 including the National Black Prosecutors Association, the National African American Drug Policy
62 Coalition, the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Abuse, the Prince George's County Criminal
63 Coordination Council, the Prince George's County Domestic Fatality Review Team, the
64 Governor's Sex Offender Advisory Board, and Community Advocates for Families and Youth;

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66 WHEREAS, Patricia Smoot received a number of awards, accolades, and recognitions,
67 including being named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by the *Daily Record* in 2008 and 2011;
68 being recognized by the PEERS Coalition for Innovative Leadership in Public Service in the
69 District of Columbia, and receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Community
70 Advocates for Families and Youth in Prince George's County, Maryland; and

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72 WHEREAS, Patricia Smoot is survived by her husband, Gregory, and children, Nicole and
73 Thomas.

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75 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
76 resolution may be cited as the "J. Patricia Wilson Smoot Recognition Resolution of 2018".

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78 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia posthumously recognizes and honors J.
79 Patricia Wilson Smoot for her years of exemplary service to the District of Columbia and Federal
80 governments and the residents of the District of Columbia.

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