



Councilmember Trayon White, Sr.



Chairman Phil Mendelson

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize Askia Muhammad, host of WPFW 89.3 FM's "Tuesday Morning Jazz" program, for 40 years of news, world events, and jazz programming benefiting radio listeners in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Askia Muhammad was born in Mississippi and moved to the District Columbia in 1977 to cover the White House for the Chicago Daily Defender and began volunteering for the Pacifica National News Bureau;

WHEREAS, Askia Muhammad has been recognized by the National Association of Black Journalists and has served as a commentator for National Public Radio and Pacifica Radio Network and served as News Director at WPFW 89.3 FM;

WHEREAS, in March 1979, Askia Muhammad first hosted "Yardbird Sweets", an eclectic jazz show, named after "Yardbird Suite," a famous recording by Charlie Parker, on Pacifica's WPFW; and

WHEREAS, during Askia Muhammad's career, he has examined a wide range of issues, particularly the ongoing movement for statehood, self-determination, and full democratic rights on behalf of over 700,000 residents of the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, March 26, 2019 will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Askia Muhammad volunteer hosting the Tuesday "Morning Brew" jazz program known as "Yardbird Sweets."

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the "40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "Yardbird Sweets" and Askia Muhammad Recognition Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Colombia recognizes and honors Askia Muhammad on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his hosting "Yardbird Sweets" and his continuing to bring eclectic jazz to the District of Columbia.

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