

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2019

To recognize and honor the 30th anniversary of the Washington Bach Consort's free classical music performances in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Washington Bach Consort, a professional choral and orchestral ensemble based in the District of Columbia, was founded in 1977 by the late Dr. J. Reilly Lewis;

WHEREAS, the Washington Bach Consort is ensuring that current and future audiences experience the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and his contemporaries by nurturing the appreciation of Bach's music through education and community outreach;

WHEREAS, the Washington Bach Consort believes that music enriches the quality of life and is committed to helping the music of Bach reach as many people as possible, under the artistic direction of Dana Marsh;

WHEREAS, recognizing that not everyone is able to afford a regular subscription concert ticket, the Washington Bach Consort has, for the past 30 years, offered a free *Noontime Cantata Concert Series*, which attracts more than 2,200 people each year to the Church of the Epiphany;

WHEREAS, the 50-minute *Noontime Cantata Concert* has become a local tradition described as a hidden gem, and "the gift you can't put a price on" by the Washington Post;

WHEREAS, in 2006, after 16 seasons of the *Noontime Cantata Series*, the Washington Bach Consort completed the entire cycle of Bach's 215 cantatas and subsequently began the cycle again for new audiences;

WHEREAS, the archival recordings and programs from the *Noontime Cantata Series* were welcomed into the Library of Congress's permanent collection in 2007; and

WHEREAS, through the *Noontime Cantata Series*, the Washington Bach Consort will continue to inspire people of all ages and backgrounds through Bach's music.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Washington Bach Consort Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Washington Bach Consort, on its 30th anniversary, for its contributions to the District of Columbia.

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