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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 7, 2019

To celebrate the 38th anniversary of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of CARATS, Inc. and to recognize the Chapter for their longevity and involvement in the National Organization of CARATS, Inc.

WHEREAS, the DC Chapter of CARATS, Inc. was established on April 24, 1981 by twelve Charter Members Vivian Dean, Dorothy Gaither, Jeanette Hackney, Elaine Hancock, Barbara Harmon, Ruth Hedgepath, Ruth Hurd, Madelaine Jenkins, Geraldine Johnson, Carolyn Stubbs, Roberta Wise, and Peggy Wills;

WHEREAS, the group of women originally came together as a social group by the name of The Gadabouts and were enthusiastically sponsored by the Baltimore Chapter of CARATS, Inc.

WHEREAS, CARATS, Inc. is a national organization of 15 chapters comprised of distinguished and accomplished women dedicated to promote social, educational, and civic involvement among members;

WHEREAS, the CARATS motto is “Embracing Dimensional Friendships”, and the women involved are charming individuals, actively involved in both the organization and their communities, responsible, appreciative of their heritage and truthful and sincere in their endeavors;

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Chapter of CARATS, Inc. have hosted the organization’s National Conclave on 3 occasions including in 1990, 2002 and 2016;

WHEREAS, the Washington, D.C. Chapter of CARATS Inc. have been heavily involved in the national organization with Chapter members serving in roles such as the organizing team that went on to form the National CARATS, Inc., 2 National Vice Presidents, National Financial Secretary, and National Recording Secretary and Chair of Policy Guidelines;

WHEREAS, chapter member DeVera Redmond currently serves as the 18th National President of CARATS, Inc.

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WHEREAS, on Saturday, April 27th, 2019 the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the CARATS, Inc. will celebrate their 38 years of dimensional friendships with their 22 current Chapter members; and

WHEREAS, after 38 years of dedicated involvement to the communities of Ward 4 and the District of Columbia, as well as their national organization, the Washington, D.C. Chapter of CARATS, Inc. continues its commitment to be women with vigor, vision and vitality.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Washington, D.C. Chapter of CARATS, Inc. 38th Anniversary Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council congratulates the Washington, D.C. Chapter of CARATS, Inc. on their 38th anniversary and recognizes the organization for its commitment to community involvement, support and leadership.

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