

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-109

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 4, 2019

To recognize and honor Romaine B. Thomas for her numerous contributions to the District of Columbia on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas received her Bachelor of Science degree from Miners Teachers College and a Masters of Arts degree from The George Washington University;

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas continued advanced studies in higher education, which included Vanderbilt University and time in London, England to study a pilot program on open space in education;

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas devoted most of her life to her family, education, and civic activism;

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas served as the principal of John Henry Ketchum Elementary School;

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas was awarded the National Distinguished Principal's award by the U.S. Secretary of Education for her service;

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas was one of 54 nationally selected principals to receive the National Distinguished Principal Award for her outstanding leadership in providing quality education for children;

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas demonstrated a commitment to community service and concern for the common good and welfare for people;

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas is a longtime advocate of the senior community with a record that clearly demonstrates her involvement and dedication;

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WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas was an advocate for seniors and people who are disabled;

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas, a native Washingtonian, is the former President of the Woodridge Civic Association and the 2nd Vice President of the District of Columbia's Federation of Civic Associations;

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas served as DC Democratic Convention Chairwoman and was a delegate in 2012 to the Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas served as the President of the Executive Council of D.C.'s AARP, and Chairperson for the D.C. Commission on Aging.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Romaine B. Thomas 90th Birthday Celebration Recognition Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors Romaine B. Thomas as she celebrates her 90th birthday and for her involvement, participation and 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.