

  
Councilmember Anita Bonds

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6 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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8 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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10 To celebrate Ms. Ellen Simms Davis, a loving mother, grandmother, and native  
11 Washingtonian, on her eightieth birthday and acknowledge her many civic and professional  
12 contributions to the federal the District of Columbia.

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14 WHEREAS, Ellen Simms Davis, mother to George Davis III and Eric S. Davis and  
15 grandmother of five, was born in the District of Columbia to Rudolph Simms Sr. and Melvine  
16 Fortune Simms on September 30, 1939;

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18 WHEREAS, Ellen Simms Davis matriculated through D.C. public schools, graduating  
19 from Spingarn High School in the class of 1956, where she was a majorette, and the University  
20 of the District of Columbia (formerly the Teacher's College), where she performed with the  
21 college choir;

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23 WHEREAS, Ellen Simms Davis was baptized and married at Simms Memorial  
24 Methodist Church, which was founded by her grandfather, Reverend Henson Simms;

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26 WHEREAS, Ellen Simms Davis is a devout Christian and United Methodist activist,  
27 having represented the District of Columbia at numerous annual conferences in the 1990's;

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29 WHEREAS, Ellen Simms Davis is a member of the McKendree-Simms-Brookland  
30 United Methodist Church (MSBUMC) of Washington, DC where she also sings in the choir,  
31 regularly attends bible study, is a member of the the United Methodist Women, and regularly  
32 serves communion to the sick and homebound;

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34 WHEREAS, Ellen Simms Davis, an exemplary public servant and change agent, was  
35 appointed by Mayor Marion Barry for two terms on the D.C. Board of Medicine, was a diligent  
36 city-wide poll worker and member of the Bates Area Civic Association, and retired in 1994 as a  
37 Program Analyst in the U.S. Department of Navy, where she also worked as an Equal

38 Employment Opportunity Counselor and was a member of the Blacks in Government (BIG);

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40 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
41 resolution may be cited as "The Ellen Simms Davis Recognition Resolution of 2019".

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43 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Ellen Simms  
44 Davis on her eightieth birthday for her commitment to serving the residents of the District of  
45 Columbia and our nation.

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