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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-146

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 17, 2019

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

WHEREAS, Ellen Simms Davis, mother to George Davis III and Eric S. Davis and grandmother of 5, was born in the District of Columbia to Rudolph Simms Sr. and Melvine Fortune Simms on September 30, 1939;

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Ellen Simms Davis, an exemplary public servant and change agent, was appointed by Mayor Marion Barry for 2 terms on the D.C. Board of Medicine, was a diligent city-wide poll worker and member of the Bates Area Civic Association, and retired in 1994 as a Program Analyst in the U.S. Department of Navy, where she also worked as an Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor and was a member of the Blacks in Government (BIG);

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

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

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