

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-189

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 5, 2019

To recognize the *Express* newspaper journalists and distributors for their service over the last 16 years bringing news, entertainment, and a human touch to the morning commute in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the *Express* was a District daily newspaper, published by the *Washington Post*;

WHEREAS, the *Express* began publication on August 4, 2003;

WHEREAS, the paper was distributed for free at Metro stations and throughout the region and was read by as many as 239,500 people every day;

WHEREAS, the *Express* employed 20 journalists who prepared local news stories and content on entertainment, culture, and advice;

WHEREAS, 75 distributors of the *Express* rose before the sun to deliver each day's news to commuters in and around the District;

WHEREAS, these distributors made it to their posts every morning, despite rain, snow, or hot and humid District weather;

WHEREAS, these distributors provided many District residents with their first greeting each morning and built relationships with residents over many years;

WHEREAS, the 75 distributors and 20 journalists who made the *Express* possible were relieved of their duties, with little notice, and without severance after the *Express* published its final edition on September 12, 2019;

WHEREAS, the loss of the *Express* contributes to the national decline in local journalism, which leaves all residents less informed and equipped to engage as citizens; and

WHEREAS, District residents will miss their daily interactions with the distributors of the *Express*.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Express Distributor and Journalist Appreciation Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates the dedication, hard work, and endurance of the friendly distributors and the hard-working journalists of the *Express*.

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