

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-217

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 17, 2019

To celebrate the retirement of Robert Lonon, Sr. from the Albright Community Meeting and all of the work he has done in his community, and in Ward 4.

WHEREAS, Robert Lonon, Sr. was born on August 15, 1935 and was raised in Washington, D.C. in the Georgetown area;

WHEREAS, Robert Lonon, Sr. attended Morgan Elementary School, Frances Junior High School, and Phelps Vocational High School;

WHEREAS, through his upbringing and family culture, Robert Lonon, Sr. was exposed to leadership and hard work which would enable him to make a difference in his community;

WHEREAS, Robert Lonon, Sr. served in the United States Army as a Parra Trooper in Germany and was also a competitive boxer while serving;

WHEREAS, Robert Lonon, Sr. attended D.C. Teachers College, now the University of the District of Columbia, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in American History and a minor in Math;

WHEREAS, on May 16, 1959 Robert Lonon, Sr. married the late Betteye J. Lonon and the couple had 5 children, Robert Lonon, Jr., Richard Lonon, Rene Lonon, Terry Lonon, and Tracy Lonon;

WHEREAS, Robert Lonon, Sr. moved to Tewkesbury Street NW, in Ward 4, where he has lived for over 60 years with his family;

WHEREAS, after working as a math teacher, Robert Lonon, Sr. took a job with the United States Postal Office where he worked for 43 years and retired on March 30, 2001;

WHEREAS, Robert Lonon, Sr. helped his wife, Betteye J. Lonon organize coat drives every second Saturday of each month and helped to provide clothes for those in need in the community;

WHEREAS, in his community, Robert Lonon, Sr. coached softball, basketball, and flag football and would often host community gatherings;

ENROLLED ORIGINAL

WHEREAS, in 2000 Robert Lonon, Sr. was nominated to organize the Albright Community Meeting which still holds monthly meetings today regarding issues in the community;

WHEREAS, Robert Lonon, Sr. has been recognized on multiple occasions for his work in the community including awards from the 4th District Metropolitan Police Department Commander Hilton Burton, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Leopold Wilburn, and Advisory Neighborhood Commission – District 4B;

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2019 Robert Lonon, Sr. retired from the Albright Community Meeting and was honored for his 2 decades of work with the group he helped establish; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lonon, Sr. has inspired the future generations of his family and community to pursue outreach activities and become leaders in their communities.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Robert Lonon, Sr. Retirement Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council honors Robert Lonon, Sr. for his commitment to Ward 4 and the District of Columbia and for the positive impact he has had.

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