

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-218

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 17, 2019

To recognize the Hillcrest Community Civic Association on the occasion of its 30th anniversary.

WHEREAS, Hillcrest is a neighborhood in the southeast quadrant of the District of Columbia in Ward 7, east of the Anacostia River, with official boundaries beginning at the intersection of 31st Street, S.E., and Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., extending southeastward along Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E. to the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., and the District of Columbia boundary line (at Southern Avenue, S.E.); extending southwestward along that District boundary line to the intersection of that line with Naylor Road, S.E.; extending northward along Naylor Road, S.E., to the intersection of Naylor Road, S.E., with 27th Street, S.E.; from thence in a straight line running eastward through the park to reach the upper point of 31st Street, S.E. and then following 31st Street, S.E., northward to the original intersection of 31st Street, S.E., and Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., and said boundary to include both sides of 31st Street, S.E., including Randle Highlands Elementary School;

WHEREAS, Branch Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue, Alabama Avenue, and Suitland Road, S.E., are Hillcrest's main thoroughfares;

WHEREAS, Hillcrest is one of the District's best kept secrets and the Washington Post described Hillcrest as "Southeast Washington's answer to Cleveland Park;"

WHEREAS, Hillcrest is an idyllic community with rolling hills, manicured lawns, red brick colonials and ramblers, magnificent views of the Capitol and the Washington Monument, tennis courts, community gardens, and a historic park with an amphitheater;

WHEREAS, the Hillcrest community is rich in history and culture;

WHEREAS, the first homes in Hillcrest were built in 1928;

WHEREAS, Hillcrest, formerly referred to as part of East Washington Heights, is a great neighborhood that embodies diversity with historically great civic leaders, community activism and civic-minded residents who love their community and give back to it;

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WHEREAS, the Hillcrest Community Civic Association was established with the intent of promoting the welfare of the Hillcrest neighborhood in 1989, when Hillcrest was the only Ward 7 community that did not have a sustainable neighborhood association;

WHEREAS, the idea for the Hillcrest Community Civic Association was conceived when approximately 60 people met on the front lawn of Dennis and Gloria Logan's home on August 8, 1989 for Hillcrest's annual Neighborhood Watch "Night Out" as part of National Night Out Against Crime;

WHEREAS, on September 30, 1989, Hillcrest neighbors met at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter at 10:00 a.m. to form the Hillcrest Community Civic Association;

WHEREAS, Belva T. Simmons was the founder and elected as the first president of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association;

WHEREAS, the Hillcrest Community Civic Association has historically formed a collaborations through shared interest in the various arts such as performing arts, the visual arts, and the culinary arts, including a collaborative exchange whereby The Palisades Citizens' Association participates in the Hillcrest Community Civic Association's annual Chili Cook off, and the Hillcrest Community Civic Association reciprocates by participating in The Palisades Citizens' Association annual 4th of July Parade;

WHEREAS, recent Hillcrest community projects include cleaning and renovating Alger Park, hosting the second annual Southeast, D.C. Porchfest and the annual Hillcrest Day Celebration;

WHEREAS, the Hillcrest Community Civic Association sponsors 2 scholarships, the Hillcrest Community Civic Association Scholarship and the Yantee Neufville Scholarship, providing financial resources to neighborhood youth entering their first year of college; and

WHEREAS, Hillcrest residents have included 2 former District mayors, a former Police Chief, a former U.S. Marshall, and other notable public figures, teachers, doctors, lawyers, government workers, civic leaders, professionals, retirees and blue-collar workers.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Hillcrest Community Civic Association 30th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2019".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and commends the Hillcrest Community Civic Association on the occasion of its 30th anniversary and for its promotion of community welfare and civic engagement.

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