

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 3, 2020

To celebrate and recognize the life and work of Sandra C. “Sandy” Allen.

WHEREAS, Ms. Allen is a fourth generation Washingtonian who was born and raised in Ward 8 and attended Ballou High School and Martha Mary Washington Vocational High School;

WHEREAS, since the age of 4, Ms. Allen dedicated her life to service and started with her supporting the Junior Police and Citizen Corp with her father;

WHEREAS, Ms. Allen overcame dropping out of high school and being a “welfare mother” to become an elected official in the nation’s capital;

WHEREAS, she was initially elected on November 5, 1996 to become the Ward 8 Councilmember and was reelected on November 7, 2000;

WHEREAS, at the time of her tenure in the DC Council she was the Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services that had the largest budget at the time;

WHEREAS, Ms. Allen’s legislative efforts lead to expanding daycare hours and allowing immigrant children to receive healthcare benefits;

WHEREAS, she instituted the Children's Development Advisory Council, the Omni Ministry for Children and continuously provided direction and support to new members of the church;

WHEREAS, Ms. Allen can attest that every vote counts as she lost a primary vote in a recount by just one vote but 18 months later was able to come back and win the seat;

WHEREAS, Ms. Allen’s motto is, “It is no good to have if you are not willing to give and share and Always make sure you bring someone up and along the way”.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Sandra C. “Sandy” Allen Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Sandra C. “Sandy” Allen, for her dedication and service to the District of Columbia.

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