

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 3, 2020

To recognize and celebrate Reverend Rowena “Joyce” Scott and her dedication in service to Ward 8.

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott was raised by a single parent in Southeast DC with her 5 siblings, becoming a lifelong Ward 8 resident of 67 years and counting;

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott has spent 37 years consistently on community service and political activism;

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott’s educational accomplishments include an Associates and Bachelor’s Degree from Breakthrough Bible College;

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott has spent a substantial part of her career as an organizer of programs ranging from both senior and youth events, summer employment registrations, resident council groups, holiday food baskets and giveaways, as well as annual back-to-school backpack and school supply giveaways;

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott assisted and encouraged many into substance treatment program;

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott was appointed by Mayor Muriel Bowser’s Homicide Division as well as to the Elimination Strategy Task Force;

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott has supervised and hired numbers of youth, homeless and ex-offenders through various programming including but not limited to the Department of Employment Services Summer Youth Employment Program;

WHEREAS, she was asked, and lead prayer for 14 Sundays for the DC Superior Court during the 2017 NFL Season and individuals present took a knee, in support of injustice all over the world;

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott is an ordained and licensed minister, serving the Ward 8 community;

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WHEREAS, Reverend Scott is the founder and curriculum developer of “Train A Child” After-School and Summer Youth Program;

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott has served as the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for 8E;

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott has served as Chairperson of the Ward 8 Action Team;

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott is one of the original members of the Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative;

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott has served as a Family Advocate for Parkland Community Center; an Advocate for mothers within in-patient treatment facility at Mary Herring Safe House in the District; and an Advocate for the Women’s Program for Concerned Citizens on Alcohol and Drug Abuse;

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott has served as Resident Manager for both the Bollingview Apartments as well as the Parkside Terrace Apartments, the latter of wherein she prepared residents to receive vouchers and assist with relocation;

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott has served as the Chairperson for the Ward 8 Democrats and Co-Chairperson of the Ward 8 Democrats Executive Committee, also having organized a number of events for the organization to raise and honor civic participation;

WHEREAS, Reverend Scott has been the recipient of several awards, including the Joe Manns Black Wall Street Award and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Federal Probation Program for her work in hiring and renting to ex-offenders.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Reverend Joyce Scott Ceremonial Resolution of 2020.”

Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.