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Councilmember Brandon T. Todd

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and celebrate Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. as he retires after more than twenty-eight years as an Associate Judge on the District of Columbia Superior Court.

WHEREAS, Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. was born and raised in Washington, D.C., where he graduated from McKinley High School in 1964;

WHEREAS, Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Howard University in 1969 and a Master of Business Administration in from Washington University in St. Louis;

WHEREAS, Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. worked as a business consultant for the Interracial Council for Business Opportunity;

WHEREAS, in 1976, Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. received his law degree from The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, where he served as a student attorney representing low-income clients through the law school's legal clinic;

WHEREAS, Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. began his legal career as an attorney and registered lobbyist for Sears, Roebuck & Co. in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, in 1981, Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. joined Emmet G. Sullivan as a partner in the general practice law firm of Houston, Sullivan & Gardner;

WHEREAS, in 1991, Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. was appointed to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals by United States President George H.W. Bush;

38 WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Superior Court, Judge Wendell P. Gardner,  
39 Jr. has served in every division of the Court including Criminal, Family, Tax, Probate,  
40 and in the Domestic Violence Unit;

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42 WHEREAS, in August 1994, Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. became the Presiding  
43 Judge of the Probate and Tax Divisions and during the same year testified before the  
44 District of Columbia Council on Probate Reform Legislation;

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46 WHEREAS, Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. has served for more than twenty years  
47 on the Committee on the Selection and Tenure of Magistrate Judges, the Liaison  
48 Committee to the Judicial Disabilities and Tenure Commission, and the Criminal Justice  
49 Act Panel Implementation Committee;

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51 WHEREAS, the committees Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. has chaired in the past  
52 include the Criminal Justice Act Disciplinary Committee, the Committee on Probate and  
53 Fiduciary Rules, and the Advisory Committee on Tax Rules;

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55 WHEREAS, Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. is a Charter Member of the Judicial  
56 Council of the Washington Bar Association;

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58 WHEREAS, Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. has received several awards and  
59 honors, with the most recent being selected to the Washington Bar Association Hall of  
60 Fame in June 2007; and

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62 WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 19, 2020, Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. will  
63 celebrate his retirement and twenty-eight years of service to the District of Columbia  
64 Court of Appeals with a reception in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Atrium of the District of Columbia  
65 Superior Court.

66 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
67 resolution may be cited as the "Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. Retirement Ceremonial  
68 Recognition Resolution of 2020".

69 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes Judge Wendell P. Gardner, Jr. as he retires after  
70 nearly three decades worth of service to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and  
71 for the impact that he has had on both our judicial system and the District of Columbia.

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