

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 22, 2020

To recognize the Honorable Anita Josey Herring Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for her service and contributions to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring attended Georgetown Law as an evening division student;

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring was a member of the Legal Ethics Law Journal;

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring is a 1987 graduate of Georgetown University Law Center;

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring Judge Josey-Herring obtained a judicial clerkship position with the Honorable Herbert B. Dixon, Jr. in the D.C. Superior Court;

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring joined the District of Columbia Public Defender Service as a staff attorney in 1988;

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring served in the Public Defender Service's appellate division, arguing cases before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals;

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring was appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Public Defender Service to the position of Deputy Director of the agency in 1994;

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring has led numerous initiatives to improve the quality of justice and service to litigants and attorneys alike;

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring led the highly regarded Family Treatment Court Initiative. This program provides drug treatment and social services to mothers charged with neglecting their children due to substance abuse;

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring was appointed to serve as an Associate Judge on the Superior Court by President William Jefferson Clinton in 1997;

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WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring was appointed by the Chief Judge to serve as the Deputy Presiding Judge of the Family Court and served as the Family Court's Presiding Judge from 2006 to 2008;

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring, was reappointed to a second term by the Commission on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure in 2012;

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring was designated to serve as Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia by The District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission in 2020;

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring is the first female judge to hold the Chief Judge position since Congress established the Superior Court in 1970;

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring is widely respected by colleagues, court staff, litigants, attorneys, public officials, and other community members, and she has been recognized for her leadership, intellect, and temperament, integrity, commitment, and vision.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring Recognition Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates Chief Judge Anita Josey Herring for her outstanding career and contribution to the residents of the District of Columbia.

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