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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-303

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 6, 2020

To celebrate the 85th birthday of father, friend, community leader and activist, Joseph L. Bowser.

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser was born in Washington, D.C. on October 5, 1935;

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser grew up in Washington, D.C. and attended both St. Augustine's Catholic School and Armstrong High School before he studied at the old Federal City College;

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser married Joan Davis on July 16, 1960, and the 2 celebrated their 60th anniversary in 2020, a remarkable and wonderful accomplishment;

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser and Joan Bowser raised their 5 children, Mercia, Martin, Marvin, Mark, and Muriel in North Michigan Park;

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser followed his father's footsteps and went to work for District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) in 1954, where he encouraged, mentored and fathered countless men and women during his 42-year career in the Buildings and Grounds division for DCPS;

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser was elected to one of the first cohort of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions following his victory in the November 6, 1979 election for single member district 5A03;

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser served as the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for 5A03 for a total of 10 terms over a 22-year span, where he served as chairperson of ANC 5A's Public Works Committee;

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser served as president of the North Michigan Park Civic Association, where he led various community efforts focused on the neighborhood;

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser is now retired from the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, but is still often called upon for his institutional knowledge and guidance by the

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North Michigan Park community and by community leaders across the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser served as Lieutenant Governor of Division 1 of the Capital District of Kiwanis International, a worldwide service organization dedicated to improving the lives of children, in 2007 and 2008;

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, where he has held various leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser will celebrate his 85th birthday on October 5, 2020, a remarkable milestone for a man who means so much to the District and his community.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Joseph L. Bowser 85th Birthday Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the 85th birthday of Joseph L. Bowser and recognizes the work he has done to improve the lives of those in his North Michigan Park community and the District as a whole.

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