

**ENROLLED ORIGINAL**

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-312

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 10, 2020

To recognize Loretta Neumann for her dedication to and impact on Ward 4 and the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann was born and raised in Oklahoma, where she graduated from Bishop McGuinness High School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1961 and Oklahoma State University in 1965;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann moved to the District in 1967, where she has lived ever since;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann received a Master's degree in Legal Studies from Antioch Law School in the District of Columbia in 1984;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann worked as a writer/editor and Branch Chief for the National Park Service from 1969 until 1973, when she took a job serving on the staff of United States Representative John Seiberling (D-Ohio) and the House Interior Committee, handling national parks, public lands, and historic preservation legislation, where she would serve until 1987;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann founded CEHP, Inc. in 1989 and for nearly 10 years consulted on conservation, environmental protection, and historic preservation;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann sold her company, CEHP, upon being appointed by President Bill Clinton to direct his American Heritage Rivers Initiative at the Council on Environmental Quality;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann served on the staff of United States Representative Mark Udall (D-Colorado) until her retirement from Federal service in 2001;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann is an active member of the Ward 4 Democrats, from which she received the President's Award in 2012;

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WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann is a resident of the Takoma neighborhood of Ward 4, where she helped revive the former Plan Takoma, now known as the Takoma D.C. Neighborhood Association;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann served as president of Neighbors Incorporated, which was formed to maintain integrated neighborhoods in upper Ward 4, and remains an active board member of the organization;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann served a term as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for Single Member District 4B02;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann received the “Friend of Shepherd Park” award from the Shepherd Park Citizens Association in 2017;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann is an active member of the District’s arts and humanities community, and has served on the board of the Neighborhood Films Association in Takoma and is a co-founder of the Takoma Park Folk Festival;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann has been a member of the Committee of 100 on the Federal City, the oldest citizens planning organization in the District, for 40 years, where she served as a trustee for several terms, vice chair for programs, and chair of the parks subcommittee, and is currently an active member of the historic preservation subcommittee;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann served on the board of the D.C. Preservation League, including a term as vice president, for 6 years and is a member of the Association of Older Inhabitants of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann has served on the boards of directors of the Council on America’s Military Past, Preservation Action, National Association for Olmsted Parks, and the American Cultural Resources Association, which she co-founded in 1994;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann received the Public Servia Award from the Society for American Archaeology in 1998;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann has studied and photographed all the Civil War Defenses of Washington, the ring of forts that protected the nation’s capital from the Confederate assault, for 23 years;

WHEREAS, in 2008, Loretta Neumann co-founded the Alliance to Preserve the Civil War Defenses of Washington with Tersh Boasberg, and currently serves as the group’s president;

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WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann and fellow members of the Board of the Alliance have volunteered for 7 years to help the National Park Service plan and implement the annual commemorations of the anniversary of the 1864 Battle of Fort Stevens and Loretta Neumann has presented numerous talks on the battle;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann is a member of the American Battlefield Trust, D.C. Civil Ward Roundtable, Rock Creek Civil Ward Roundtable, and the Lincoln Group;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann and her husband Daniel Smith are both active members of the Takoma neighborhood in Ward 4, and work to ensure that it is an inclusive and diverse place to live;

WHEREAS, Loretta Neumann has spent nearly her entire life bettering our country, Ward 4 and the District through her public service, professional career and volunteer work in the arts and humanities and history.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Loretta Neumann for her role as a community leader and celebrates her work, service, and incredible accomplishments that have undoubtedly made a lasting impact across the District.

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