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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-338

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

December 1, 2020

To recognize and honor Donna Ellis for her outstanding work as a community advocate and commend her for her civic and community contributions to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Donna Ellis has been a resident of Washington, D.C. for 70 years, and has lived in Ward 4 for over 60 years;

WHEREAS, Donna Ellis has played an integral role in shaping the communities she has lived in, and has earned a reputation as a passionate community organizer and a tireless advocate for youth and seniors;

WHEREAS, Donna Ellis began her activism as President of the Parent Teacher and Athletic Associations, and she would go on to serve as President of the Parent Teacher Association at all the schools her children attended;

WHEREAS, Donna Ellis has testified before the Council of the District of Columbia on issues pertaining to the health and wellbeing of youth and seniors;

WHEREAS, Donna Ellis served as the Co-Chair of the science and technology seminar for the DC Commission for Women;

WHEREAS, Donna Ellis created a program that gave District junior high school students an opportunity to work in the White House mail room;

WHEREAS, Donna Ellis has made a concerted effort to be politically engaged, beginning with her volunteering for former Councilmember Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis' campaign;

WHEREAS, Donna Ellis has remained politically active, hosting political fundraisers for candidates in Ward 4, and serving as captain of Ward 4's 58th Precinct from 1999 to 2012;

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WHEREAS, Donna Ellis is extensively involved in the leadership of several political organizations including serving as an elected member of the DC Democratic State Committee representing Ward 4 and a member of the Executive Committee, President of the Metropolitan Women’s Democratic Club, Vice President of the DC Federation of Democratic Women, and Eastern Region Director of the National Federation of Democratic Women that includes the 13 states of the Democratic National Convention in the East;

WHEREAS, Donna Ellis is active in several civic organizations including Ward 4 Cares, Petworth People’s Involvement Corporation, and Project Harvest;

WHEREAS, Donna Ellis is a member of the Ward 4 Senior Advisory Council and member of the Citizen’s Advisory Panel for Washington Gas;

WHEREAS, Donna Ellis’s passion for giving back to the community and involvement in civic groups has led to her assisting others as she climbs; and

WHEREAS, Donna Ellis has been married to Milfred Ellis for 53 years, is the mother of two children, and the grandmother to one, whom are all District residents.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Donna Ellis for the invaluable contributions she has made during her 5 decades of passionate service to communities throughout the District of Columbia.

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