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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

24-122

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 4, 2022

To acknowledge and celebrate the 100th birthday of lifetime District of Columbia resident Evelyn Naomi Spriggs Ford.

WHEREAS, Evelyn Naomi Spriggs Ford was born in Washington, D.C., on November 30, 1921, the youngest of 9 children to parents Rebecca Washington Spriggs and Rev. James Arthur Spriggs;

WHEREAS, Ford attended Crummel Elementary School, Brown Junior High, and Terrell Junior High School, all of which are in the District;

WHEREAS, Ford attended Cardozo High School, the only business high school for Black students in the country at that time, and graduated in 1939;

WHEREAS, in 1939, Ford received an award for her typing skills while at Cardozo High School;

WHEREAS, during World War II, Ford worked as a clerk typist and management technician for the Bolling Air Force Field;

WHEREAS, Ford worked for 40 years as a typist and technician at the Civil Aeronautics Board, until she retired in 1984;

WHEREAS, Ford participated in senior dance competitions, was a member of 3 dance groups, and was an active participant at the Ward 5 Model Cities Senior Center until her late 80s;

WHEREAS, Ford has been a member of the St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church for over 60 years;

WHEREAS, Evelyn Spriggs married George H. Ford on June 12, 1942, and the couple raised 5 daughters: Camille Anita Ford, Yvonne Antoinette Ford, Patricia Ann Ford, Cecelia Evelyn Ford, and Brenda Joyce Ford; and

WHEREAS, Ford's daughters are all retired District Public School teachers.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Evelyn Naomi Spriggs Ford 100th Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia acknowledges and celebrates Evelyn Naomi Spriggs Ford's 100th birthday.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.