

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 7, 2022

To recognize and celebrate the trailblazing accolades, distinguished career, and confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

WHEREAS, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson was born in Washington, D.C. on September 14, 1970;

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson was elected “Mayor” of Palmetto Junior High School, and Student Body President at Miami Palmetto Senior High School in Pinecrest, Florida;

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson attended and graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard University in 1992, where she studied government;

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson attended Harvard Law School and served as Supervising Editor of the Harvard Law Review, graduating *cum laude* in 1996;

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson clerked for the Honorable Patti B. Saris, District Judge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the Honorable Bruce M. Selya, Senior United States Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and the Honorable Stephen Breyer, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States;

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson was Assistant Special Counsel to the United States Sentencing Commission from 2003 to 2005, and in 2009 was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as Vice Chair and Commissioner until 2014;

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson was an Assistant Federal Public Defender for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, where she represented indigent criminal appellants;

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson will be the only Supreme Court Justice to ever have served as a public defender;

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson has extensive experience in private practice across a wide range of complex litigation fields, including commercial, mass tort, and state and federal appeals;

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WHEREAS, in September 2012, President Barack Obama nominated Judge Jackson to serve on the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and she was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate;

WHEREAS, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. nominated Judge Jackson to serve as a United States Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit in March 2021;

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2022, President Biden sent the nomination for Judge Jackson to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States to the United States Senate;

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson was confirmed by the United States Senate on April 7, 2022;

WHEREAS, Judge Jackson is the first ever Black woman nominated for the Supreme Court and the third Black justice in history, and she will be the sixth woman to serve on the Supreme Court when she takes her seat on July 1, 2022.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson Recognition Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates the well-deserved confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the United States Supreme Court, where she will carry out her duty to respect the United States Constitution and ensure equal justice under law. Judge Jackson’s wealth of experience and brilliant legal mind raises the bar for the Supreme Court and the legal profession.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.