

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 20, 2022

To recognize and honor the life of Sophia Henry, a local business owner and community activist whose work and volunteerism helped shape the civic life of the Ward 3 community and the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Sophia Henry was born to parents Theodore and Vasiliki Panayotides-Djaferis on May 23, 1925, in Athens, Greece;

WHEREAS, Sophia left Greece for the United States in 1949 with a Fulbright scholarship and went first to Trenton State Teacher's College before transferring to Elmira College. Sophia took such an overload of classes, including summer school classes, that she graduated from both Elmira with a BA in English and from Cornell University with an MA in English on the same day in 1952;

WHEREAS, Sophia Henry moved to Glover Park with her beloved husband, William "Patrick" Henry, and adored daughters Daphne and Ariadne in 1966 and was heavily involved in the community and a longtime member of the Glover Park Citizens' Association ("GPCA"), working for many years as Membership Chairman;

WHEREAS, as a GPCA member she worked on numerous causes over the years and was especially invaluable in the fight to stop Georgetown University and Dominion Power from building an industrial-sized power plant on Georgetown's campus;

WHEREAS, in the 1970s Sophia Henry was active in the Stoddert PTA, instituting the first "Fun Fair," a free fair, as the school's fairs had previously been fundraisers and had charged for rides and events;

WHEREAS, Sophia Henry started her real estate career in 1971, and after working for 9 years as a top-producing agent at Boss & Phelps, she opened the first woman-owned real estate company in Glover Park, Sophia Henry Real Estate, in 1980; and

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WHEREAS, Sophia Henry's life of service, civic engagement, and dedication to bettering her community serves as a model for others to follow. She was a strong leader, a beloved Ward 3 neighbor, and a dear friend. Sophia will be greatly missed.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sophia Henry Legacy Recognition Resolution of 2022."

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the life of Sophia Henry and recognizes her many contributions to the Ward 3 community and the whole of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.