

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

24-277

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 1, 2022

To celebrate the legacy and contributions of Capital One Arena to the entertainment and sports communities in Washington, D.C. and the greater Washington region over the last 25 years.

WHEREAS, December 2, 2022 marks the 25th anniversary of the opening of the arena now known as Capital One Arena, a sports and entertainment venue located in the Penn Quarter/Chinatown neighborhood of Ward 2 in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Capital One Arena is a 20,000+-seat arena venue that hosts over 220 events per year, including sports, entertainment, and cultural events with more than 3 million visits;

WHEREAS, Capital One Arena serves as a cultural and commerce anchor in the heart of Chinatown in Washington, D.C. fueling economic support for other local businesses and vitality for residents in the area;

WHEREAS, Capital One Arena is home to the Georgetown University men's basketball team, the Washington Wizards of the National Basketball Association (NBA), and the Washington Capitals of the National Hockey League (NHL);

WHEREAS, the NHL's Washington Capitals team was the winner of the 2018 Stanley Cup;

WHEREAS, Capital One Arena was formerly the home of the Washington Mystics of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and the Washington Valor of the Arena Football League (AFL);

WHEREAS, Capital One Arena has played host to many high-profile sporting events, including the Stanley Cup Final, NBA and WNBA All-Star Games, the World Figure Skating Championship, and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) men's basketball tournament;

WHEREAS, Capital One Arena has hosted concerts, cultural events, and family shows including U2, Lady Gaga, Madonna, The Three Tenors, Drake, Barbra Streisand, Bon Jovi,

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Prince, Tim McGraw & Faith Hill, Beyoncé, Tina Turner, Keith Urban, Paul Simon and Sting, Taylor Swift, Elton John, Usher, the Dalai Lama, Disney on Ice, and World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. (WWE);

WHEREAS, Capital One Arena has annually hosted the Harlem Globetrotters;

WHEREAS, Capital One Arena provides a gathering place for residents, guests, and tourists to collectively experience sporting, family, entrainment, and cultural events, enhancing the sense of community and social connection within the District;

WHEREAS, Capital One Arena strives to provide a seamless and inclusive experience for every guest at all events;

WHEREAS, Capital One Arena and the major league sports teams which play there are part of the Monumental Sports & Entertainment family;

WHEREAS, Ted Leonsis, Founder, Chairman, Principal Partner, and Chief Executive Officer of Monumental Sports & Entertainment, has been named Washington's Businessman of the Year, Washingtonian of the Year, one of the 20 most influential people in sports, and one of the top 10 entrepreneurs of the year; and

WHEREAS, Ted Leonsis and Monumental Sports & Entertainment are constantly raising the game to excite, inspire and unite fans across the District, the nation, and beyond.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Capital One Arena 25th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2022".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia hereby recognizes Capital One Arena on its 25th anniversary for its exceptional contributions to Washington, D.C. sports, culture, and entertainment.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.