

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 4, 2023

To recognize and honor the career and achievements of Andy Litsky for his longtime service to the District as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for the Southwest waterfront community.

WHEREAS, Andy Litsky is a Bronx, New York City native who matriculated through the city's public school and university systems;

WHEREAS, Mr. Litsky began his career with the New York Youth Services Administration, working on intervention efforts with street gangs, and then worked for several years as a teacher in both New York City public schools and in Spain;

WHEREAS, Mr. Litsky transitioned from social services and education into the private sector of cable television, having been chosen to lead national political field operations for the National Cable Television Association ("NCTA");

WHEREAS, he would go on to become the NCTA's Director of Public Affairs, helping to navigate the industry during a period of tremendous nationwide growth, and would spend the next decade focused on communications consulting;

WHEREAS, Mr. Litsky is a lifelong Democrat and worked tirelessly to elect Jimmy Carter to the presidency, as well as working on numerous other senate, congressional, and presidential campaigns, serving as treasurer of the 1996 D.C. Coordinated Democratic Campaign, and serving as a delegate for the District of Columbia at numerous party national conventions, including for William J. Clinton in 1996 and John Kerry in 2004;

WHEREAS, Mr. Litsky was twice elected as Chair of the Ward Two Democrats and served four for years on the D.C. Democratic State Committee;

WHEREAS, Mr. Litsky campaigned for D.C. statehood and limiting congressional interference in District affairs, namely working against the death penalty being instituted in D.C.;

WHEREAS, Mr. Litsky would be inspired by his advocacy for people living with HIV/AIDS in the 1980s;

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WHEREAS, he served as Associate Executive Director of Public Affairs for the Whitman-Walker Clinic, where he stayed for nearly ten years, deciding he wanted to create lasting change and better devote his efforts to those living with HIV/AIDS after experiencing so many of his friends dying from the disease;

WHEREAS, Mr. Litsky championed marriage equality, serving as the founding secretary of the Foundation for All D.C. Families, the first marriage equality organization focusing on the District;

WHEREAS, in 1998, Mr. Litsky was first elected as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for his beloved Southwest Waterfront, an office he would hold for the next 24 years;

WHEREAS, Mr. Litsky represented Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D, which included Southwest, Navy Yard, and Buzzard Point;

WHEREAS, during his long tenure, ANC 6D would become home to the new federal Department of Transportation and five District agencies: the Department of Motor Vehicles, the District Department of Transportation, the newly built Office of Planning, the Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs, and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer;

WHEREAS, the Arena Stage complex became the Meade Center for American Theater, the new 41,000 seat ballpark was built to house the Washington Nationals, and Audi Field was built to accommodate 25,000 fans of D.C. United;

WHEREAS, Mr. Litsky represented the Wharf in his Single Member District, and he worked closely with the developers to ensure residents' interests were included in every facet of planning and construction;

WHEREAS, The Yards transformed the Capital Riverfront, three museums were constructed and opened their doors – The Spy Museum, the Bible Museum, and the Rubell Museum, a project with which Mr. Litsky was closely associated for 15 years until its opening in October 2022, and two Business Improvement Districts – Capitol Riverfront BID and Southwest BID – would call ANC 6D home;

WHEREAS, Mr. Litsky led several advocacy campaigns during his career;

WHEREAS, Mr. Litsky has long served the Southwest community outside of elected office, serving on the governing boards of Arena Stage Angels and Southwest House – the oldest local social service organization in the United States serving the African American community, and he has been a 6-term member of the Executive Council for AARP DC, where he used his position to lobby AARP National to represent better the needs of LGBT seniors in all programming and marketing;

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WHEREAS, Mr. Litsky was named a Capital Pride Hero in 2005 for his work on behalf of HIV/AIDS education, helping to transform the lives of so many and shining a light on the needs of the LGBTQ community;

WHEREAS, Mr. Litsky announced in 2022 that he would not seek another term as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, ending a long and storied tenure of elected service to the Southwest waterfront community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Litsky leaves big shoes to be filled but will remain active in community service.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Andy Litsky Recognition Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the career and achievements of Andy Litsky for his longtime service to the District as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for the Southwest waterfront community.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.