

  
Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor the contributions of Betty Ann Kane whose life is a testament to over 44 years of public service to the residents of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane was born and raised in Teaneck, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, in 1963, Betty Ann Kane was Phi Beta Kappa and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont and in 1964 received a Master of Arts in English from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut;

WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane relocated to Washington, D.C. in 1967, where she was an Assistant Professor of English at The Catholic University of America from 1967 through 1969;

WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane was the Assistant to the Director of Public Programs at Folger Shakespeare Library from 1969 until 1973, where she established and served as editor of the Folger Library Newsletter and administered federal grants for educational and public programs, developed volunteer programs and arranged for traveling exhibits;

WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane was Head of Public Programs for the Folger Shakespeare Library from 1973-1975, where she developed and administered the Library's programs for the general public and represented the Library on various boards and organizations including the public television station, WETA;

WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane was elected to an At-Large seat on the District of Columbia School Board and served from 1974 until 1978;

WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served as the Development Officer for the Museum of African Art and was responsible for federal grant and corporate fundraising and Congressional relations from 1976 until 1978;

43 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane was elected in 1978 as an At-Large member of the Council  
44 of the District of Columbia and served from 1979 until 1990;

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46 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane was a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in  
47 1980, 1984 and 1988;

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49 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served as Chairman of the Metropolitan Council of  
50 Governments in 1990, as Vice Chairman in 1981, 1988 and 1989; as a member of the Board of  
51 Directors from 1979 through 1981, 1985 and 1988 through 1990; as Chairman of the  
52 Subcommittee on Federal Office Space in 1981 and a member of the Budget Priorities  
53 Committee from 1988 through 1990;

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55 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane was appointed in 1985 by the U.S. Secretary of  
56 Transportation, Elizabeth Dole, to the Holton Commission to study transfer of National and  
57 Dulles airports to regional control;

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59 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane represented the Council of the District of Columbia on  
60 missions to the Taiwan, Republic of China in 1987; Israel in 1987 and the People's Republic of  
61 China in 1988;

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63 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served as a Development Consultant on fundraising for the  
64 Calvary Women's Shelter from 1990-1991, and as an Education Consultant for the Defenders of  
65 Wildlife from 1990 through 1992;

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67 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served as Co-Chair of the Transition Committee on  
68 Administration and Management for the first woman elected Mayor of the District of Columbia,  
69 Sharon Pratt Dixon, in 1990;

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71 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served as a member of the Board of Directors for the  
72 National League of Cities (NLC) in 1990; as a member of the Board of Directors for Women in  
73 Municipal Government and other NLC committees from 1987 through 1989;

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75 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served as the Executive Director of Miller & Holbrooke  
76 Information Services, where she was the founding editor of the Cable Update, a monthly report  
77 for cities and counties on legislative and legal developments in telecommunication policy in  
78 Congress, state legislatures, federal agencies and the courts; she also served as a consultant to  
79 local governments on cable television franchising and regulation from 1989 through 1996;

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81 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served as the Executive Director of PRO-NAFTA, a  
82 nonprofit organization in support of the North American Free Trade Agreement from 1992  
83 through 1993;

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85 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served as the Co-Chairman of the District of Columbia  
86 Democratic Leadership Council from 1992 until 1995;

88 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane was appointed as a Trustee to the District of Columbia  
89 Retirement Board and served from 1993 until 2002;

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91 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served on the Federal Aviation Advisory Committee from  
92 1994 through 1999;

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94 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served on the Transportation Research Board  
95 Transportation Noise Committee from 1995 until 2000;

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97 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served as the Executive Director from 1995-1997 of the  
98 National Organization to Insure a Sound Controlled Environment (NOISE), a non-profit  
99 organization of local governments impacted by airport and aircraft noise to insure a sound-  
100 controlled environment; and from 1997 through 1998 she served as a NOISE lobbyist;

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102 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served on the National Aeronautics and Space  
103 Administration (NASA) Committee on Quiet Advances Supersonic Aircraft Technology from  
104 1995 through 1999 and NASA's Environmental Compatibility Task Force from 1998 through  
105 1999;

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107 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane was an Administrator at the D.C. Insurance Regulatory  
108 Trust Fund Bureau, where she provided administrative and legislative monitoring and lobbying  
109 support to an organization of regulated insurers established by the D.C. Council to advise the  
110 D.C. Government and monitor expenses and operations of the D.C. Department of Insurance  
111 Securities Regulation from 1996 until 2002;

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113 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane received a Certificate in Pension Fund and Trusteeship  
114 Management in 1998 from the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania;

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116 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served as a Government Affairs Specialist from 1999  
117 through 2000 to the D.C. Court System where she advised the Chief Executive Officer and Chief  
118 Judges on Congressional relations, budget, and personnel matters related to implementation of  
119 the Revitalization Act of 1997;

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121 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane was appointed by Mayor Anthony Williams as Chairman  
122 of the Task Force on Associations Attraction and Retention Board and led the successful effort to  
123 develop a website and information system in 1999;

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125 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served on the Old Naval Hospital Foundation Board, which  
126 was instrumental in the rehabilitation of the Old Naval Hospital which is designated as a  
127 landmark of its Capitol Hill neighborhood;

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129 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served as a member of the Government Accounting  
130 Standards Advisory Council from 2001 until 2005;

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132 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane was appointed in 2002 as Executive Director of the District  
133 of Columbia Retirement Board where she successfully led the agency's transition from an  
134 investment board to a full-service retirement agency;

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136 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane joined the Public Service Commission (PSC) of the District  
137 of Columbia on March 7, 2007 as a Commissioner after being nominated by Mayor Adrian Fenty  
138 and confirmed by the Council of the District of Columbia;

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140 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane was appointed by Mayor Vincent Gray, confirmed by the  
141 Council of the District of Columbia, and served as Chairman of the PSC for more than 9 years,  
142 from March 3, 2009 until December 18, 2018;

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144 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane, during her tenure as PSC Chairman, served as an active  
145 member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility (NARUC) Commissioners' Board of  
146 Directors, and as a member of the Telecommunications Committee;

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148 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane, during her tenure as PSC Chairman, served on the  
149 Nominating Committee, and the Virtual Working Group on Education Training and Best  
150 Practices for the International Confederation of Energy Regulators;

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152 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane, during her tenure as PSC Chairman, served as Chairman  
153 and Treasurer of the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI), which provides research to  
154 NARUC and its members, the utility regulatory commissions of the fifty states and the District of  
155 Columbia;

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157 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane, during her tenure as PSC Chairman, served as Chairman of  
158 the Board for the Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners (MACRUC),  
159 an organization which promotes the region-wide advancement of public utility regulation and  
160 related regulatory, legislative, and policy interest of member state public utility commissions;

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162 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane, during her tenure as PSC Chairman, was appointed by the  
163 Federal Communications Commission as Chairman of the North American Numbering Council,  
164 which advises the FCC and makes recommendations that foster efficient and impartial number  
165 administration; and was appointed to the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced  
166 Telecommunications Services, which ensures that advanced services are deployed as rapidly as  
167 possible to all Americans;

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169 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane, during her tenure as PSC Chairman, has improved  
170 employee morale and motivated Commission employees by promoting continued professional  
171 development, through annual Employee Appreciation and Recognition Awards; authorization of  
172 the formation of staff unions, Commission-wide meetings, and special workshops on  
173 teambuilding, ethics, equal employment opportunity, and sexual harassment;

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175 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane, during her tenure as Chairman, improved the  
176 Commission's public engagement by increasing the quality of the Commission's interactions  
177 with the general public, redesigning and streamlining the Commission's website, enhancing  
178 transparency, increasing the Commission's social media presence, and engaging with community  
179 leaders through the annual Winter Ready DC campaign;

181 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane, during her tenure as PSC Chairman, spearheaded the  
182 celebration of the Public Service Commission's Centennial with the release of a book that  
183 provides a historical review of the Commission's creation and changing role as well as the  
184 changing nature of the public utilities and services that the Commission regulates and recognizes  
185 how the District's citizens continue to be an essential component to the regulatory work of the  
186 Commission;

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188 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane, during her tenure as PSC Chairman, served on the Mayor's  
189 Undergrounding Task Force;

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191 WHEREAS, during Betty Ann Kane's tenure as PSC Chairman, the Commission's office  
192 was relocated to 1325 G Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.;

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194 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane, during her 11-year tenure as a Commissioner and  
195 Chairman, the Commission issued more than 5,256 orders;

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197 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane has received numerous honors and recognition for  
198 leadership in the community for public service, including Capitol Hill Kiwanis Woman of the  
199 Year, Washington Area Bicyclists Association, Common Cause, D.C. Hospital Association,  
200 Maryland Municipal League, Retired Police Officers Association, and the National Energy  
201 Marketers Association's Lifetime Achievement Award;

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203 WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane through her outstanding leadership and advocacy has made  
204 a positive impact on the District of Columbia and its residents;

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206 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Betty Ann Kane whose life  
207 is a testament to over 44 years of outstanding contributions and invaluable service to the  
208 residents of the District of Columbia.

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210 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
211 resolution may be cited as the "Betty Ann Kane Distinguished Service Recognition Resolution  
212 of 2019".

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214 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Betty Ann Kane  
215 whose life is a testament to over forty-four years of outstanding contributions and invaluable  
216 service to the residents of the District of Columbia.

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218 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
219 the District of Columbia Register.