

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 5, 2019

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;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane served as a Government Affairs Specialist from 1999 through 2000 to the District of Columbia court system, where she advised the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Judges on congressional relations, budget, and personnel matters related to implementation of the Revitalization Act of 1997;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane, during her tenure as PSC Chairman, served as Chairman and Treasurer of the National Regulatory Research Institute, which provides research to NARUC and its members, the utility regulatory commissions of the 50 states and the District of Columbia;

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, during Betty Ann Kane’s tenure as PSC Chairman, the commission’s office was relocated to 1325 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.;

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

WHEREAS, Betty Ann Kane has received numerous honors and recognition for leadership in the community for public service, including Capitol Hill Kiwanis Woman of the Year, Washington Area Bicyclists Association, Common Cause, D.C. Hospital Association, Maryland Municipal League, Retired Police Officers Association, and the National Energy

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Marketers Association's Lifetime Achievement Award;

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

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

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Betty Ann Kane whose life is a testament to over 44 years of outstanding contributions and invaluable service to the residents of the District of Columbia.

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