

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 19, 2019

To recognize Susan Vener Linsky for her numerous contributions of to the District of Columbia on the occasion of her 70th birthday celebration.

WHEREAS, Susan Vener Linsky was born in San Antonio, Texas on February 13, 1949, to Marcelyn and Alvin Vener;

WHEREAS, Susan Vener Linsky attended W.B. Ray High School in Corpus Christi, Texas and the University of Texas at Austin, where she was Vice President of Sigma Delta Tau Sorority;

WHEREAS, Susan Vener Linsky, upon graduating from the University of Houston with her Master of Social Work degree, moved to Washington, D.C., where she met and married Norm Linsky of Gloucester, Massachusetts, starting a family first in McLean Gardens and then in Forest Hills;

WHEREAS, Susan Vener Linsky was campaign manager for Ward 3 Councilmember Polly Shackleton's re-election campaign in 1978;

WHEREAS, Susan Vener Linsky was the Chief of Staff to Councilmember James Nathanson of Ward 3 from 1986 to 1994;

WHEREAS, Susan Vener Linsky was Vice Chair of the Ward 3 Democratic Committee;

WHEREAS, Susan Vener Linsky helped further the economic development and philanthropic environment of Washington, D.C. at the D.C. Chamber of Commerce and Greater D.C. Cares;

WHEREAS, Susan Vener Linsky has been an outstanding community member volunteering to make the city a better place in her service to Murch Elementary School, as the HSA President of the School Without Walls, as Vice President of the Avalon Theater Board of

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Directors, as secretary of the board of directors for Shaw Main Streets, as a member of the board of directors for Iona Senior Services, and in her work for Van Ness Main Streets;

WHEREAS, Susan Vener Linsky played a major role in the revitalization of the District of Columbia as Special Assistant to the Deputy Mayor of Planning and Economic Development from 2000 to 2006;

WHEREAS, Susan Vener Linsky, working alongside Mayor Anthony Williams, Deputy Mayor Eric Price, and many other individuals both within and outside of the District of Columbia government, played an instrumental role in recruiting Major League Baseball back to the District of Columbia, and also became a big fan of the Washington Nationals;

WHEREAS, Susan Vener Linsky helped create the Downtown TIF, a financial tool to attract retailers, that was critical to the revitalization of Downtown D.C.;

WHEREAS, Susan Vener Linsky worked for Roadside Development from 2006 to 2014 where she was a key member of the team that developed CityMarket at O, the Hodge on 7th, and the largest grocery store in the District, energizing the Shaw community with special emphasis on workforce development and caring for the aging; and

WHEREAS, Susan Vener Linsky is an exemplary member of the community in her adopted home of Washington, D.C., where she uses her skills and experience to benefit nonprofits, local government, community groups, schools, housing and economic development, and the District as a whole.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Susan Vener Linsky 70th Birthday Celebration Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Susan Vener Linsky for her numerous contributions to the District of Columbia on the occasion of her 70th birthday celebration.

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