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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2019

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated and recognize the chapter for its 4 decades of friendship and service to the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, on November 9, 1946, Margaret Roselle Hawkins and Sarah Strickland Scott, 2 young Philadelphia visionaries, founded The Links, Incorporated;

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated consists of over 15,000 professional women of color in 288 chapters located in 42 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and the United Kingdom;

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining, and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry;

WHEREAS, the core values of The Links, Incorporated are friendship, integrity, honesty, service, commitment, family relationships, courage, respect for self and others, legacy, confidentiality, responsibility, and accountability;

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated focuses on arts, health and human services, international trends and services, national trends and service, and services to youth;

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated members contribute more than one million documented hours of community service each year;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was organized in 1979 by Dr. Jean Curl Mosee and Dr. Ruth Anderson to foster the mission of the national organization and to provide service to Washington, D.C. and the metropolitan area;

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WHEREAS, as one of the 74 chapters in the Eastern Area of The Links, Incorporated, the Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated sponsors programs focused on the national facets of national trends and services; the arts; and international trends and services;

WHEREAS, in 1982, the Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated established the Young Black Writers Contest, now known as the Dr. Jean Mosee Young Writers Contest, after learning about poor test scores in writing among African American high school students;

WHEREAS, the Dr. Jean Mosee Young Writers Contest aims to encourage writing among middle and high school students, especially students of color, and to publicly recognize their literary talents;

WHEREAS, in 37 years over 2,000 students have participated in the Dr. Jean Mosee Young Writers Contest, there have been more than 200 winners, and the contest continues to serve as a signature event for the Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated hosts many well-received community service programs;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated will celebrate its 40th anniversary on May 5, 2019 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, after 40 years of service to the District of Columbia, the Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated remains committed to friendship and service.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated 40th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the Metropolitan District of Columbia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated on its 40th anniversary and recognizes its immeasurable contributions to the District of Columbia.

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