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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-105

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 4, 2019

To celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Crestwood neighborhood and its rich history and importance to Ward 4 and the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Crestwood is a heavily treed, entirely residential neighborhood in Washington, D.C. that is bounded by 16<sup>th</sup> Street on the east, Morrow Drive and surrounded by Rock Creek Park on three sides;

WHEREAS, Crestwood is home to the Carter Barron Amphitheatre, a large outdoor performance venue that was opened in 1950 and has hosted notable artists such as Ray Charles, B.B. King, Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson and Bruce Springsteen;

WHEREAS, the William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center is located in Crestwood and hosts various tennis tournaments, most notably the Citi Open, a professional tennis tournament that is held annually and features top athletes in the sport;

WHEREAS, the first visitors to the area now known as Crestwood were Native Americans from the Algonquian tribes who made tools from the quartzite stones they quarried along modern-day Piney Branch;

WHEREAS, in 1719, Lord Baltimore granted a Maryland settler named John Bradford approximately 500 acres of colonial land, 300 of which were sold to Randall Blake;

WHEREAS, Randall Blake named the 300 acres Argyle Cowall, and Lorn, after three areas in western Scotland and for three centuries the boundaries of Randall Blake's estate have largely defined the neighborhood known today as Crestwood;

WHEREAS, in 1938 a group of developers led by Paul Stone began to market a new development by the name of Crestwood, marking the first use of the Crestwood name for the area;

WHEREAS, the Crestwood Citizens Association was formed in 1941 and grew into a vital organization that works today to enhance and protect the quality of life in Crestwood while giving residents a voice in city and community affairs;

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WHEREAS, during the 1940s, the Crestwood Citizens Association engaged in civic and social roles such as organizing a large three-acre victory garden during World War II and adopting the azalea as the community flower;

WHEREAS, the Crestwood Citizens Association has been and continues to be outspoken regarding issues related to Rock Creek Park, the largest border of the neighborhood and one of the oldest National Parks in the United States;

WHEREAS, Crestwood has been the home of prominent artists, athletes and sports executives, bankers, civil rights leaders, clergy, entrepreneurs, journalists, judges, politicians, restaurateurs, singers, and Tuskegee Airmen;

WHEREAS, today Crestwood is one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the District of Columbia and the Crestwood Citizens Association continues to be civically and socially engaged with both Ward 4 and District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the neighborhood of Crestwood and its residents have had a tremendous impact on both the Ward 4 community as well as the District of Columbia as a whole.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “300th Anniversary of Crestwood Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates the neighborhood of Crestwood on its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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