

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-110

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 4, 2019

To recognize and honor Dr. Georgianna Alice Rivlin for her years of service to the District of Columbia government and her life-long service to the citizens of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 4, 1931. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from Bryn Mawr College in 1952. Upon graduation, she moved to Europe where she worked on the Marshall Plan;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin attempted to enter graduate school in public administration, but was rejected on the grounds that she was a woman of marriageable age; Dr. Rivlin later earned a Masters and Ph.D. in economics from Radcliffe College of Harvard University;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin had a life-long affiliation with the Brookings Institution, to which she returned after each of her periods of government service;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin was appointed in 1968 by President Lyndon B. Johnson as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation for the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and served until 1969;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1973;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin served as the first Director of the new Congressional Budget Office from 1975 to 1983;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin won a MacArthur Foundation "genius" award in 1983;

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WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin was appointed to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) where she served as the Deputy Director from 1993 to 1994, and as Director of the OMB from 1994 to 1996;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin, served as Vice-Chair and as Governor of the Federal Reserve from 1996 to 1999;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin was appointed Chair of the Commission on Budget and Financial Priorities of the District of Columbia (Rivlin Commission) in 1990. The Rivlin Commission analyzed the status of the District's financial structure and budget and made recommendations to bring District spending and revenues into balance in an orderly constructive way;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin was appointed the second Chair of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority (Control Board) in 1998. While Chair, she was instrumental in bringing the District of Columbia back into fiscal compliance. She served as Chair of the Control Board until 2001;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin, a strong proponent of Home Rule, insisted that full home Rule powers be returned to the citizens of District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin was named in January 2010 to co-chair the Debt Reduction Task Force sponsored by the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin was named by President Obama to the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform on deficit reduction, to identify "policies to improve the fiscal situation in the medium term and to achieve fiscal sustainability over the long run";

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin was a friend of the District of Columbia and its citizens, and despite her important work on a national level, she invested time to support the District in many important ways including her 1990 report to the Control Board, and other efforts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alice Rivlin passed away on May 14, 2019.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Dr. Alice Rivlin Recognition Resolution of 2019".

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Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Colombia recognizes appreciates, and thanks Dr. Alice Rivlin and her career of service to the United States of America and District of Columbia and its citizens, and especially for her service and efforts as Chair of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority and her support of Home Rule.

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