

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 25, 2019

To acknowledge and honor Ms. Mary Cuthbert, a lifelong community leader and retired union employee of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) who has demonstrated great commitment to the communities of Congress Heights, Barry Farm, St. Elizabeths East, and the greater Ward 8 area.

WHEREAS, Mary Cuthbert was first elected in 1985 as an Advisory Neighborhood Commission Member in Ward 8 and has served in that capacity for thirty-four years;

WHEREAS, Mary Cuthbert has served as the Ward Eight Democrats, Vice President; DC Democratic State Committee, Ward 8 State Committeewoman; Congress Heights Community Association, President; 7D Citizens Advisory Council, President; Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) of Washington, Board Member; and Anacostia Coordination Council, member;

WHEREAS, through Mary Cuthbert's tireless advocacy and efforts, the Covenant House of Washington remained at the National Children's Center until its permanent location was established;

WHEREAS, in 2016, Mary Cuthbert was voted as Ms. Senior Congress Heights;

WHEREAS, Mary Cuthbert currently serves as the Congress Heights Community Association Vice President;

WHEREAS, Mary Cuthbert has always placed health advocacy at the forefront of her efforts; thereby, was essential in building the new Saint Elizabeths Hospital. Subsequently, the Mayor appointed her to the St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Initiative Advisory Board to assist in developing the entire Saint Elizabeths Hospital east campus;

WHEREAS, Mary Cuthbert has always spoken her mind and communicated in a manner that every generation understands her intent;

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WHEREAS, Mary Cuthbert has fought tirelessly to bring economic justice, equal employment, and educational opportunities to Ward 8; and

WHEREAS, Mary Cuthbert has been a member of the DC Democratic State Party, where she has supported Democratic candidates in pursuit of public office and the party's political and community allies.

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

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Mary Cuthbert for her dedication and service to Ward 8 and the community at-large.

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