

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-279

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MAY 5, 2020

To recognize Darlene T. Allen, the 45th President of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

WHEREAS, Darlene T. Allen is a native of Washington, D.C. and current Ward 7 resident who earned a Bachelor of Science from Xavier University of Louisiana in 1981 and an Associate of Applied Science from Marymount College of Virginia;

WHEREAS, Darlene T. Allen has served as President of the DC Parent Teacher Association (PTA) (2003-2007); member of the National PTA Board of Directors (2006-2007); and member of the Board of Directors, National League of American Pen Women - DC Branch (2017-2020);

WHEREAS, the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) is a society dedicated to educating leaders throughout the world in effective meeting management through the use of parliamentary procedure;

WHEREAS, Darlene T. Allen, PRP has served in various leadership positions on the unit, state association, district and national levels of NAP since 1998, including previous major positions such as President of the Sartwell-Tunstall Unit, President of the District of Columbia Association of Parliamentarians (2006-2008), District Two Director (2011-2013), Director-at-Large (2015-2017) and National Vice President (2017-2019);

WHEREAS, Darlene T. Allen, PRP was elected as the 45th President of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) for the 2019-2021 term at the 42nd NAP Biennial Convention, held in Las Vegas, NV on September 5-8, 2019 and is the first African American woman elected to the office of NAP President; and

WHEREAS, under the 2019-2021 term theme of “NAP – The Keepers of the Democratic Process,” the goals of Darlene T. Allen’s administration are to provide leadership that is transparent and continue supporting the NAP members, partners and potential members by providing efficient educational opportunities, while remaining financially solvent.

**ENROLLED ORIGINAL**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Darlene T. Allen Recognition Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Darlene T. Allen, PRP for her years of service, particularly within the National Association of Parliamentarians, and congratulates her on being elected the 45th President of the National Association of Parliamentarians as the first African American woman to be so elected.

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