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14 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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17 COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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20 To celebrate the 85th birthday of father, friend, community leader and activist, Joseph L. Bowser.

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22 WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser was born in Washington, D.C. on October 5, 1935;

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24 WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser grew up in Washington, D.C. and attended both St.
25 Augustine's Catholic School and Armstrong High School before he studied at the old Federal City
26 College;

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28 WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser married Joan Davis on July 16, 1950, and
29 the two celebrated their 60th anniversary in 2020, a remarkable and wonderful accomplishment;

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31 WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser and Joan Bowser raised their five children, Mercia, Martin,
32 Marvin, Mark, and Muriel in North Michigan Park;

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34 WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser followed his father's footsteps and went to work for District
35 of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) in 1954, where he encouraged, mentored and fathered
36 countless men and women during his 42-year career in the Buildings and Grounds division for
37 DCPS;

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39 WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser was elected to one of the first cohort of Advisory
40 Neighborhood Commissions following his victory in the November 6, 1979 election for single
41 member district 5A03;

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43 WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser served as the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for
44 5A03 for a total of ten terms over a 22-year span, where he served as chairperson of ANC 5A's
45 Public Works Committee;

47 WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser served as president of the North Michigan Park Civic
48 Association, where he led various community efforts focused on the neighborhood;

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50 WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser is now retired from the Advisory Neighborhood
51 Commission, but is still often called upon for his institutional knowledge and guidance by the
52 North Michigan Park community and by community leaders across the District of Columbia;

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54 WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser served as Lieutenant Governor of Division 1 of the Capital
55 District of Kiwanis International, a worldwide service organization dedicated to improving the
56 lives of children, in 2007 and 2008;

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58 WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church,
59 where he has held various leadership roles; and

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61 WHEREAS, Joseph L. Bowser will celebrate his 85th birthday on October 5, 2020, a
62 remarkable milestone for a man who means so much to the District and his community.

63 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
64 resolution may be cited as the "Joseph L. Bowser 85th Birthday Ceremonial Recognition
65 Resolution of 2020".

66 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the 85th birthday of Joseph L.
67 Bowser and recognizes the work he has done to improve the lives of those in his North Michigan
68 Park community and the District as a whole.

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