

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-317

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

November 10, 2020

To recognize the Potomac Valley Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. was founded January 24, 1938 with the idea of bringing together children in a social and cultural environment;

WHEREAS, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is the oldest and largest African American family organization in the United States;

WHEREAS, the Potomac Valley Chapter, nicknamed “PVC,” was established in 1984, is comprised of over 70 professional women, including CEOs, attorneys, physicians, management consultants, engineers, investment bankers, and homemakers as well as 130 children;

WHEREAS, the Potomac Valley Chapter has provided leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving, and civic duty opportunities for their children while contributing consistently and mightily to the betterment of their communities in the Washington D.C. area and nationally;

WHEREAS, the Potomac Valley Chapter plans annual programming activities pursuant to a 5 point programmatic thrust: cultural awareness, educational development, health (education and advocacy), civic (legislative advocacy and service) and social/recreational areas;

WHEREAS, the Potomac Valley Chapter is well known for its award winning philanthropic giving, having hosted galas benefiting the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the United Negro College Fund, and the Jack and Jill of America Foundation;

WHEREAS, the Potomac Valley Chapter families engage in efforts in support of nonprofits servicing the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area such as the National Center for Children and Families (NCCF), Martha’s Table, A Wider Circle, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and Stepping Stones;

WHEREAS, the Potomac Valley Chapter began its service and programming for 2020-2021 in late August 2020 with a back-to-school supply drive resulting in over 40 fully stuffed backpacks donated to NCCF to be provided to children in need;

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WHEREAS, the Potomac Valley Chapter teens participated in the virtual “Light the Night Walk” in October 2020 to raise awareness and funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to fight blood cancers and raised over \$5,000;

WHEREAS, the Potomac Valley Chapter, in connection with upcoming elections, led several initiatives, including a “Voice for the Vote” Legislative Town Hall, Get out the Vote postcard and text campaigns, and programs focusing on the legislative process and elections; and

WHEREAS, the Potomac Valley Chapter has many more community service and philanthropic activities planned in the coming months, including a Thanksgiving Drive in November 2020 and a project that will involve making face masks for those in need.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Potomac Valley Chapter Recognition Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates and recognizes the Potomac Valley Chapter for its work in the Washington, D.C. area.

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