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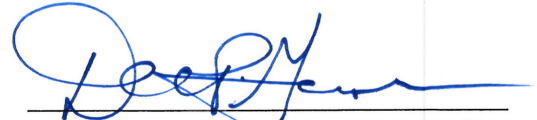
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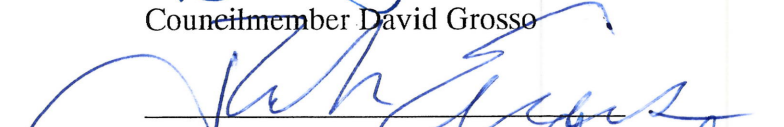
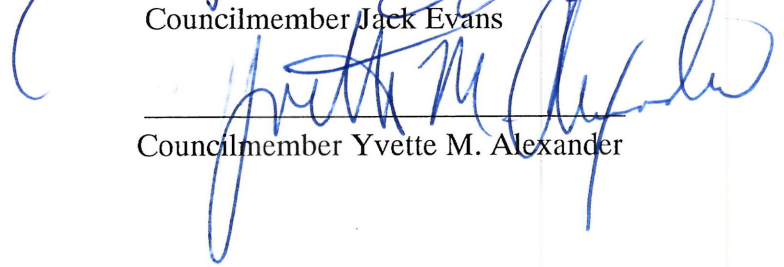
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8 Councilmember Tommy Wells

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11 Councilmember David Catania



Councilmember David Grosso

Councilmember Jack Evans

Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander

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16 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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20 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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24 To recognize the DC Youth Poetry Slam Team for winning first place at the 2014 Brave New
25 Voices International Youth Poetry Slam Festival.
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27 WHEREAS, the DC Youth Poetry Slam Team uses poetry to teach and empower teens
28 from the D.C. metropolitan area to speak up about issues of social justice;
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30 WHEREAS, the DC Youth Poetry Slam Team has competed in the Brave New Voices
31 International Youth Poetry Slam Festival since 1998;
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33 WHEREAS, in July 2014, the DC Youth Poetry Slam Team comprised of 12 students
34 from the DC metropolitan area, traveled to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to compete against more
35 than 50 national and international teams of youth poets;
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37 WHEREAS, the DC Youth Poetry Slam Team members competed and participated in
38 poetry slam, Emcee Olympics, Open Mic's, and other specialty festival events;
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1 WHEREAS, the DC Youth Poetry Slam Team was one of four teams to advance to the
2 Grand Slam Finals after winning first place in all of its preceding rounds;

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4 WHEREAS, on Saturday, July 19, 2014, the DC Youth Poetry Slam Team competed
5 against teams from Los Angeles, California; Denver, Colorado; and Cape Town, South Africa to
6 win the 2014 Brave New Voices International Youth Poetry Slam Festival championship;

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8 WHEREAS, this year, the DC Youth Poetry Slam Team has also traveled and performed
9 in New York City, Virginia Beach, Baltimore, and across the District of Columbia; and

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11 WHEREAS, Split This Rock, the coordinator for the DC Youth Poetry Slam Team, has
12 been operating their after school program since 2010 working with hundreds of students in 20
13 different local schools.

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15 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
16 resolution may be cited as the “DC Youth Poetry Slam Team Recognition Resolution of 2014”.

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18 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia acknowledges and honors the DC Youth
19 Poetry Slam Team for its continuing outstanding contributions to poetry and empowering young
20 people in the D.C. metro area.

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