

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 9, 2018

To recognize and honor Charlie Brotman on the occasion of his 90th birthday and to declare January 9, 2018, as "Charlie Brotman Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman was born in Washington, D.C. on December 30, 1927;

WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman served as the Voice of the Washington Senators Baseball Club from 1956 to 1971;

WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman was an effective and enthusiastic advocate for Major League Baseball returning to the Nation's Capital and helped lead the city's celebration of the Washington Nationals' inaugural season;

WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman was the voice of the Washington professional tennis tournament, now known as the Citi Open, for 46 years;

WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman served as the official "President's Announcer" for every Presidential Inaugural Parade from President Eisenhower's in 1957 through President Obama's in 2013, and also announced President Truman's as a broadcast student in 1949;

WHEREAS, in all, Charlie Brotman has announced an astounding 15 parades for 10 different presidents during the past 60 years;

WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman became the very first speaker on stage at the 2017 Women's March, welcoming over one million people to Washington, D.C. on January 21, 2017;

WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman started his own firm in 1969, growing the business into a public relations powerhouse where he served many clients and causes, including representing Sugar Ray Leonard during his journey towards 7 professional titles against former world champions;

WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman currently serves as Senior Advisor to the strategic communications firm LINK Strategic Partners, mentoring and advising colleagues of all ages;

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WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman has been inducted into 11 different Halls of Fame during his more than 50 years in public relations and announcing, and his most recent inductions took place at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts and the Washington Tennis and Education Foundation Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Brotman is an admired and beloved figure for his effervescent spirit, his love of people and his hometown, and for his being known as Washington's ageless "Mr. Wonderful".

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Charlie Brotman Recognition Resolution of 2018".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Charlie Brotman on the occasion of his 90th birthday, salutes his numerous contributions to the District of Columbia and her citizens, and declares January 9, 2018, as "Charlie Brotman Day" in the District of Columbia.

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