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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 10, 2018

To recognize and honor Eloise Greenfield, a District of Columbia resident who has elevated Black voices and experiences through her award-winning poetry, children's books, and other writing.

WHEREAS, Eloise Greenfield was born in Parmele, North Carolina on May 17, 1929, and grew up in the District of Columbia as a resident of Langston Terrace Dwellings;

WHEREAS, Ms. Greenfield graduated from Cardozo Senior High School in 1946 and attended Miner Teachers College on Georgia Avenue, where she joined Delta Sigma Theta Sorority;

WHEREAS, Ms. Greenfield began writing poetry and songs as a clerk for the United States Patent Office, eventually publishing her first poem in *The Hartford Times* in 1962;

WHEREAS, Ms. Greenfield has published more than 40 children's books, including poetry, biography, and picture books;

WHEREAS, Ms. Greenfield has used her writing to shed a light on positive stories of African-American communities, families, and people;

WHEREAS, Ms. Greenfield has received numerous awards for her writing, including the Coretta Scott King Award, the Carter G. Woodson Award, and the Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Award and excerpts from her writing are on exhibit in the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture;

WHEREAS, Ms. Greenfield has been recognized by the awarding of a number of lifetime awards, including induction in the National Literary Hall of Fame for Writers of African Descent;

WHEREAS, Eloise Greenfield continues to write and contribute to her large body of children's literature; and

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WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 40th anniversary of her seminal collection, “Honey I love and Other Poems.”

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Eloise Greenfield Recognition Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the life and work of Eloise Greenfield and her significant contributions to the body of African American literature, particularly for children.

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