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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 7, 2023

To posthumously recognize and honor the life of Alease S. (Neal) Chichester.

WHEREAS, Alease Sarah Chichester was born Sarah Alease Neal on December 23, 1943, and later legally exchanged her first and middle names, preferring to go by Alease;

WHEREAS, Alease Chichester attended Maggie Walker High School in Richmond, Virginia and spent her summers in New York with her Aunt Kate;

WHEREAS, during her high school years, Alease Chichester was on the majorette team and voted Miss Royal Knight by the local African American young men's social club of the same name;

WHEREAS, Alease Chichester attended Virginia Union University where she met Howard Chichester, who she later married in 1968;

WHEREAS, Alease Chichester moved to Washington, D.C. from Richmond, Virginia and took a job in the personnel department at Woodward & Lothrop;

WHEREAS, Alease Chichester, in 1976, took a position with U.S. Congressman Charles C. Diggs Jr., Michigan 13th District in the U.S. House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, Alease Chichester later took a position with CBS's Office of Government Affairs, where she worked for a decade before returning to the public sector;

WHEREAS, Alease Chichester returned to the public sector as the Director of Constituent Services for Ward 5 Councilmember Harry L. Thomas, Sr.;

WHEREAS, Alease Chichester held positions with the DC Department of Public Works and the DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs before her retirement;

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WHEREAS, Alease Chichester was a long-time member of Northeastern Presbyterian Church and followed Pastor Harding when he left to found Prince George's Community Church; and

WHEREAS, Alease Chichester was the daughter of Jack Duffin Perry Neal and Ona Love King, loving mother to Mark and Naya, sister to her brothers Jack Jr. and Jimmie and her half-sister Ethel Neal, and a loving family member and friend to many.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Alease Sarah (Neal) Chichester Posthumously Ceremonial Resolution of 2023".

Sec. 2. The Council of the district of Columbia posthumously recognizes and honors the life of Alease S. (Neal) Chichester.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.