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19 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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23 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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28 To recognize and honor the life and accomplishments Evelyn Boatwright Seraile.

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30 WHEREAS, Evelyn Boatwright Seraile was born in Florence, South Carolina on March
31 11, 1923 where she was raised by her parents along with her 2 siblings;

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33 WHEREAS, Evelyn Boatwright Seraile was raised in Richmond, Virginia and was AME
34 Church there she was a member of the AME Church, where her voice was first discovered in the
35 children's choir;

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37 WHEREAS, Evelyn Boatwright Seraile graduated from Armstrong High School in
38 Richmond, Virginia and continued her studies at Virginia Union University, where she met Army
39 Officer Milton Seraile;

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41 WHEREAS, Evelyn Boatwright Seraile married her husband Milton Seraile right before
42 Milton Seraile was deployed to Europe during World War II;

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44 WHEREAS, Evelyn Boatwright Seraile and Milton Seraile welcomed Joseph Clifton
45 Seraile 1 year after marriage when Evelyn Boatwright Seraile moved to New Orleans, Louisiana
46 while Milton Seraile was deployed;

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48 WHEREAS, Evelyn Boatwright Seraile moved to Washington D.C. after Milton Seraile
49 returned from his service in World War II, where they welcomed their second child Carolyn Gail
50 Seraile;

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52 WHEREAS, Evelyn Boatwright Seraile settled in a home Newton St. NE in Washington
53 DC and became a member of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church;

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55 WHEREAS, Evelyn Boatwright Seraile served as an Army Wife raising her two children
56 in Washington D.C. while her husband, Milton Seraile was deployed for the Korean War, where
57 after Milton Seraile's return from the Korean War Evelyn Boatwright Seraile and Milton Seraile
58 welcomed their third child, Adrienne Celeste;

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60 WHEREAS, Evelyn Boatwright Seraile eventually returned to the workforce by entering
61 the Executive Management Program at Kann's Department Store in the Human Resources
62 Department, which was quickly followed by working with DC Human Resources Department
63 Children's Center as a guidance counselor;

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65 WHEREAS, Evelyn Boatwright Seraile returned to college in 1973 to complete her
66 education at then Federal City, now University of District of Columbia with a Bachelor of Arts in
67 Theater and Drama in 1976, when her youngest child, Adrienne Celeste, left home to attend
68 herself;

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70 WHEREAS, Evelyn Boatwright Seraile pursued her passion of theater by Black authors
71 by performing in productions including The Amen Corner, God's Trombones and Portraits of a
72 Woman;

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74 WHEREAS, Evelyn Boatwright Seraile eventually combined her passion for both public
75 service and theater by becoming the Director of the Young People's Theater for DC Department
76 of Recreation; and

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78 WHEREAS, Evelyn Boatwright Seraile had a passion for serving her community and
79 bringing them together through her love of the theater, her family, and friends.

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81 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
82 resolution may be cited as the "Evelyn Boatwright Seraile Posthumous Recognition Resolution of
83 2023".

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85 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Evelyn Boatwright
86 Seraile for her years of dedication to her community, family, and friends of her home in the District
87 of Columbia where she shared her passion of the theater and performing with those she loved and
88 the youth of the District.

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