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5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie



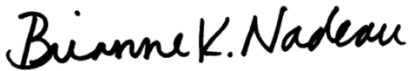
6 Councilmember Anita Bonds

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9 Councilmember Christina Henderson



10 Councilmember Charles Allen

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13 Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau



14 Councilmember Robert White

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17 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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22 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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27 To recognize and honor Jerry Sterling Cooper for his contributions and dedication to the District  
28 of Columbia on the occasion of his passing on May 31, 2023.

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30 WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Jerry Sterling  
31 Cooper, a beloved and respected member of the Washington, DC community;

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33 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper was a political advisor and sports enthusiast who dedicated his  
34 life to public service and made significant contributions to our city;

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36 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper's service in the Navy during World War II, including his time at  
37 the Great Lakes Training Center and his interactions with notable athletes such as Claude  
38 "Buddy" Young and Larry Doby, showcased his bravery and resilience;

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40 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper played semi-professional basketball for the Washington Bears,  
41 an all-Black team that played for several years before integration of the National Basketball  
42 Association;

44 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper’s 31-year career at the U.S. Census Bureau made a lasting  
45 impact and exemplified his dedication and expertise as he worked in the areas of foreign trade,  
46 business, economic development, and public information;

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48 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper’s involvement in DC politics, including his contributions as a  
49 member of the DC Gambling Study Commission, three-term chair of the Ward One Democrats,  
50 and delegate to Democratic National Conventions, showcased his commitment to advancing our  
51 city’s interests;

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53 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper’s passion for sports was unparalleled, and his encyclopedic  
54 knowledge made him a cherished companion for engaging conversations on various sporting  
55 events and demonstrated his unwavering commitment and enthusiasm for the world of athletics;

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57 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper’s participation in historical moments, such as casting a District  
58 of Columbia Electoral College Vote for presidential candidate Barack Hussein Obama,  
59 demonstrated the importance of his long-standing commitment to democratic values and civic  
60 engagement;

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62 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper’s involvement with organizations such as the NAACP, the  
63 Capitol Press Club, the National Urban League, University Legal Services, and Woodley House  
64 exemplified his dedication to social justice, journalism, and community welfare; and

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66 WHEREAS, Jerry Cooper will be remembered as a person whose 101 years brightened  
67 the lives of those around him and left an indelible mark on our city.

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69 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
70 resolution may be cited as the “Jerry Sterling Cooper Memorial Recognition Resolution of  
71 2023”.

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73 Sec. 2 The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the contributions made by  
74 Jerry Sterling Cooper to the residents of the District of Columbia.

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