

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

September 19, 2023

To posthumously honor the life and contributions of Ethel Evelyn Kum.

WHEREAS, Ethel Evelyn Kum was born on April 17, 1929 in Georgetown, Guyana, the last of 5 children;

WHEREAS, Ethel Evelyn Kum attended the Blankenburg Elementary School, then went to Tutorial High School in the city where she gained Junior and Senior Certificates from London;

WHEREAS, Ethel Evelyn Kum began her teaching career at the Blankenburg Congregational School, which she had previously attended, as a dedicated teacher who taught both Kindergarten and Elementary schools for 30 years, earning great respect and awards;

WHEREAS, Ethel Evelyn Kum also attended the Teacher's Training College where she achieved the Teachers' Certificate First Class;

WHEREAS, Ethel Evelyn Kum married the love of her life, the late Ronald Patrick Kum on April 19, 1952 and out of a very long and loving union came 6 children, Colin (deceased), Brian, Gary, Patricia, Hilary and Dawn;

WHEREAS, Ethel Evelyn Kum was a dedicated teacher but always found ample time to spend, assist and have fun with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whose achievements made her exceedingly proud;

WHEREAS, Ethel Evelyn Kum joined Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ in 1980 and served as an active member in some capacity, including as a member of the Deacon Board, on the Executive Committee and Confirmation Classes, and a member of the Leisure Group, with which she always had fun visiting places of interests, exchanging jokes, and having senior citizen moments in a very cordial and enjoyable manner;

WHEREAS, Ethel Evelyn Kum also loved going on cruises and occasional visits out of town to the casinos;

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WHEREAS, Ethel Evelyn Kum, an educator and family matriarch, was called to eternal rest on July 30, 2023, with her children, grandchildren, and other family members at her side; and

WHEREAS, Ethel Evelyn Kum is survived by her children Brian, Gary, Patricia, Hilary, and Dawn; Grandchildren: Michelle (Richard), Sherri, Ronald, Shonice, Sabrina (Marcus), Brandon, Vaughn, Seon, Ryan (Alexis), Tasha (Mohammad), Shakir, Alyssia, Adissa, Emani, and Cecil; Great-Grandchildren: Carter, Chase, Joshua, Konner, Kennedy, Madison, McKenna, Matthew, Evan, Ava, Elijah, and Laila; Sisters-in-law: Olive and Joyce; Sons-in-law: Dr. Clyde Anthony and Vincent C. Gray; Daughters-in-law: Elsa, Karen, Monica, and Paulette (deceased); Cousins: Courtney Levans and Kojo Nnamdi; and many loving nieces and nephews.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Ethel Evelyn Kum Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors and celebrates Ethel Evelyn Kum and her life as an educator, wife, mother, and matriarch.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.