

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2023

To recognize and honor the contributions of Karen Feinstein for her decades of service to the residents of the District of Columbia through her leadership at the Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative.

WHEREAS, Karen Feinstein worked diligently with Ward 4 residents and partners to found the Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative in 1998 to respond to the needs of at-risk families and children in Northwest DC;

WHEREAS, Ms. Feinstein is the founding Executive Director of the Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative and served in that capacity until her retirement on December 31, 2022;

WHEREAS, under Ms. Feinstein's leadership, the Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative grew to a staff of more than 40 employees and an annual operating budget in excess of \$5 million;

WHEREAS, Ms. Feinstein's vision for a diverse community where all individuals and families can prosper is the driving force behind the Georgia Avenue Family Supportive Collaborative's day-to-day work;

WHEREAS, under Ms. Feinstein's leadership, the Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative expanded its services to include Child and Family Services, one of the most successful Family Rehousing and Stabilization Services programs in the District, Show Up, Stand Out Truancy Prevention Services, the Community School Initiative at Roosevelt High School, and the Domestic Violence Circles of Peace DC Program;

WHEREAS, Ms. Feinstein's passion for serving people was evident in the way she treated her staff and the community. Ms. Feinstein understood the toll community service took on her staff and saw it as her responsibility to serve them as much as she served the community;

WHEREAS, Ms. Feinstein was not a person who enjoyed being called "boss," and

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instead always saw herself as a partner to both her staff and the community she served. As often as you would see Ms. Feinstein leading a meeting, you would also see her emptying the trash, greeting guests, answering the phones, and making coffee;

WHEREAS, Karen Feinstein was born with a servants heart and she has lived that value through her work at the Georgia Avenue Family Support Collaborative and every day in her service to the community.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Karen Feinstein Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Council honors and celebrates the contributions of Karen Feinstein to Ward 4, the District, and the United States.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.