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5 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION  
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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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15 To recognize and honor the many and varied contributions that Karen Clay has made to educating  
16 students in the District on the occasion of being named the 2023-2024 Distinguished  
17 Principal of the Year for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington.  
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19 WHEREAS, Karen Clay has tirelessly worked to serve students in the District of Columbia,  
20 including serving as principal of St. Peter School on Capitol Hill since 2017;

21 WHEREAS, Karen Clay has served as an educator in the Archdiocese of Washington for  
22 12 years, including teaching fourth grade and serving as the assistant principal at Holy Trinity  
23 School in Georgetown;

24 WHEREAS, Karen Clay has further served as a substitute teacher for PreK to 4th grade  
25 classrooms at Catharine Watkins Elementary School on Capitol Hill;

26 WHEREAS, Karen Clay has always fostered a tight-knit school community, and she strives  
27 to promote the academic, social, and spiritual development of the students of St. Peter School;

28 WHEREAS, Karen Clay demonstrates her love and commitment to the children and  
29 families of St. Peter School in her kind and caring interactions with every student, in her  
30 enthusiasm and celebration of the achievements of students and staff, and in walking with students  
31 and families through their hard times;

32 WHEREAS, Karen Clay holds a Master of Education degree (*summa cum laude*) in  
33 Administration & Supervision from Marymount University, a Bachelor of Arts degree in  
34 Communications and English from the University of Michigan, and a professional certificate in  
35 Leadership Coaching for Organizational Well-Being from George Mason University;

36 WHEREAS, Karen Clay is an alum of the Women’s Executive Leadership Program (Class  
37 of 2019), was appointed as a member of the Board of Directors for Archangel Airborne - a  
38 humanitarian special operations organization, appointed as a Trustee to the Employee Retirement  
39 Board for the Archdiocese of Washington, and served on the Executive Board of the Elementary  
40 School Principals Association; and

41 WHEREAS, on October 13, 2023, Karen Clay was recognized in a surprise ceremony by  
42 The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington as the 2023-2024 Distinguished Principal of the  
43 Year, in which she was celebrated for her collegiality, mentorship of other principals, and  
44 leadership she demonstrates across the Archdiocese of Washington.

45 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
46 resolution may be cited as the “Karen Clay Distinguished Principal of the Year Recognition  
47 Resolution of 2023”.

48 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors Karen Clay for the many and varied  
49 contributions that she has made to educating students in the District on the occasion of being named  
50 the 2023-2024 Distinguished Principal of the Year for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of  
51 Washington.

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