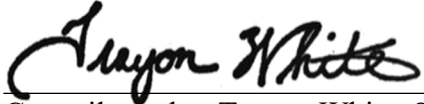


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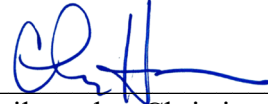
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22 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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25 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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28 To celebrate the achievements of District of Columbia scientists, recognize advancements in
29 medical and technological fields, honor teachers who inspire the next generation of scientists,
30 and declare February 28, 2024, as “Science Teachers Matter Day” in the District of Columbia.

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32 WHEREAS, scientific progress in the field of medicine has improved the health
33 outcomes and quality of life for millions;

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35 WHEREAS, scientific innovations in the field of technology has enriched society through
36 the widespread sharing of ideas and cultures;

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38 WHEREAS, scientific advances in engineering, chemistry, physics, biology, and ecology
39 impact everyday life from the food we eat to how we get to work;

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41 WHEREAS, District of Columbia scientists have contributed to thousands of scientific
42 advancements;

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44 WHEREAS, District of Columbia teachers work daily to inspire students and encourage
45 their scientific curiosity;

47 WHEREAS, in 1890, DC native Jane Eleanor “Nellie” Datcher became the first African-
48 American woman to earn an advanced degree from Cornell University and later worked as a
49 chemistry teacher at Dunbar High School in DC;
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51 WHEREAS, in 1923, DC native and conservationist Millicent Todd Bingham became the
52 first woman to receive a doctorate in geology and geography at Harvard University;
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54 WHEREAS, Robert Percy Barnes, a graduate of Dunbar High School, became the first
55 African American to graduate with a PhD in chemistry from Harvard University in 1933 and
56 worked in the chemistry department at Howard University for 46 years, including as the chair of
57 the department in the 1950s;
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59 WHEREAS, Marguerite Thomas Williams, a graduate of Miner Teachers College, now
60 University of the District of Columbia, worked as a full-time school teacher while attending
61 Howard University before becoming the first African American to earn a doctorate in geology in
62 at Catholic University in 1942;
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64 WHEREAS, in the 1960s, DC native Geoffrey Chew advanced a new theory of particle
65 interactions in the field of quantum physics;
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67 WHEREAS, in 1962, DC native Helen Marie Dyer received the Garvan-Olin Medal from
68 the American Chemical Society in recognition of her work in biochemistry and cancer research;
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70 WHEREAS, DC native Albert Francis Birch received the National Medal of Science in
71 1967 for his work on compressional wave velocities and geophysical research into the
72 composition of the Earth’s mantle;
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74 WHEREAS, DC resident Warren Wesley Buck III established a doctoral program in
75 physics at Hampton University in the 1980s, one of only five such programs at a historically
76 Black college or university;
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78 WHEREAS, DC resident LaSalle Leffall Jr. trained an estimated 6,000 future physicians
79 and surgeons at Howard University and served as the first African American president of both
80 the American Cancer Society in 1978 and the American College of Surgeons in 1995;
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82 WHEREAS, in 1995, DC native Virginia Holsinger received the Women in Science and
83 Engineering Lifetime Achievement Award for her work on lactose substitutes;
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85 WHEREAS, DC native Lucile Adams-Campbell, became the first African American to
86 receive a PhD in epidemiology in the United States and, in 1995, served as the Director of
87 Howard University’s Cancer Center, the only Black woman to lead a cancer institute at that time;
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89 WHEREAS, DC native Charlene Drew Jarvis obtained a PhD in neuropsychology from
90 the University of Maryland, served as a member of the DC Council from 1979 until 2000, and
91 became the first woman to be named president at Southeastern University in DC in 1996;
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93 WHEREAS, in 2004, DC native David Jonathan Gross received the Nobel Prize in
94 Physics for his work in quantum field theory;

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96 WHEREAS, in 2015 and 2017, DC native Richard Somerville received awards from the
97 American Geophysical Union and in 2022 received the Haagen-Smit Clean Air Award for his
98 work on climate change;

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100 WHEREAS, in 2016, DC science teacher Jennifer Ramsey received the Presidential
101 Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching;

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103 WHEREAS, in 2020, life science teacher Justin Lopez-Cardoze was recognized as
104 Teacher of the Year by Mayor Muriel Bowser;

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106 WHEREAS, in 2020, K-6 science teacher Sheri Frierson-Chenier received a Presidential
107 Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching;

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109 WHEREAS, in 2023, the Association for Career and Technical Education recognized
110 Aris Pangilinan, STEM teacher at DC Public Schools, with the National ACTE Teacher of the
111 Year award;

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113 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
114 resolution may be cited as the “Science Teachers Matter Day Recognition Resolution of 2024”.

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116 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates scientists for
117 their extraordinary contributions and honors the District teachers who are inspiring the next
118 generation of scientists.

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