

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2024

To recognize and honor Dorie Ann Ladner for her work to advance civil rights and racial equality.

WHEREAS, Dorie Ann Ladner dedicated her life to the fight for racial equality and civil rights, inspiring many to fight for their right to vote;

WHEREAS, Ms. Ladner was a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), organizers of the Civil Rights Movement;

WHEREAS, Ms. Ladner was a founder of the Council of Federated Organizations, a network of civil rights groups that worked to coordinate voter education and registration throughout Mississippi;

WHEREAS, Ms. Ladner participated in the 1963 March on Washington, the March from Selma to Montgomery, the Freedom Riders, and Freedom Summer;

WHEREAS, Ms. Ladner led marches, sit-ins, anti-poverty programs, and voter registration drives to fight segregation and voter disenfranchisement;

WHEREAS, Ms. Ladner earned her Master's of Social Work degree from Howard University, and served the DC community as an emergency room social worker at DC General Hospital;

WHEREAS, Ms. Ladner's consistent collaborator throughout her life of advocacy and activism was her younger sister Joyce Ladner, who served interim president of Howard University;

WHEREAS, Ms. Ladner was a 50-year resident of Columbia Road in Adams Morgan and was a beloved neighbor and community member; and

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WHEREAS, with a unique mix of creativity, advocacy, and determination, Ms. Dorie Ladner, dedicated her life to promoting and securing civil rights for African-Americans.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Dorie Ladner Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the work of Dorie Ladner as a civil rights leader.

Sec. 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.