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3 Councilmember Robert White



Councilmember Matthew Frumin

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7 Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

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9 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION
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13 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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17 To recognize the contributions that Sylvia Mathews Burwell has made to the District upon the
18 occasion of her retirement as the President of American University, and declare June 30, 2024
19 as Sylvia Mathews Burwell Day in the District of Columbia.

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21 WHEREAS, Sylvia M. Burwell will complete seven years of service to the American
22 University community as its 15th president and the first woman to hold the office on June 30,
23 2024;

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25 WHEREAS, President Burwell’s career of service as United States Secretary of Health
26 and Human Services, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and President of
27 American University has created a lasting impact on the District of Columbia;

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29 WHEREAS, President Burwell resolved in her inaugural address to make American
30 University “a part of, not apart from” the District and elevated “Working with Washington” as
31 one of the pillars of American University’s Changemakers for a Changing World Strategic
32 Plan;

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34 WHEREAS, President Burwell led American University’s engagement with District
35 organizations to foster more than 300 local partnerships and support more than 150,000 service
36 hours by American University students since 2019;

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38 WHEREAS, President Burwell created opportunities for American University to
39 support educational opportunities at all levels in the District, including the Advancing Early
40 Education Collaborative partnership between American University, Trinity Washington

41 University, and Martha’s Table, the District of Columbia Public Schools Teacher Pipeline
42 Project and dual enrollment program where students train at American University and return to
43 District public schools to teach the next generation, and the American University District
44 Scholars program, which provides full scholarships for students from District public and public
45 charter schools;

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47 WHEREAS, President Burwell has fostered American University’s support for arts and
48 culture in the District, including featuring 156 Washington-area artists at American University
49 Museum at the Katzen Arts Center in 2023, curating a permanent home for more than 9,000
50 works from the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and welcoming Elyn Zimmerman’s sculptural
51 installation, Sudama, to American University’s campus as part of a gift from the National
52 Geographic Society that preserved the work and kept it in the District;

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54 WHEREAS, President Burwell dedicated extensive service to District community
55 organizations and institutions, including serving as Vice Chair of the Consortium of
56 Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area and Trustee of the Federal City Council.

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58 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that
59 this resolution may be cited as the “Sylvia Mathews Burwell Recognition Resolution of 2024”.

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61 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and thanks Sylvia Mathews Burwell for her years
62 of public service and dedication to American University, and declares June 30, 2024 as Sylvia
63 Mathews Burwell Day in the District of Columbia.

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