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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

25-281

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 29, 2024

To recognize, honor, and celebrate the late Judith “Judy” Havemann for her public service.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Havemann, though born in Vinton, Iowa, was a longtime resident of the District of Columbia, where she worked at the Washington Post for 33 years, and served as the first elected Commissioner of Single Member District 3A02 in ANC 3A until her death;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Havemann was a dedicated and responsive representative for her constituents while serving on the ANC;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Havemann earned her BA in Journalism from Michigan State University and, after graduating, reported for the Chicago American and then for the Sun-Times where she met her husband Joel Havemann;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Havemann entered journalism at a time when the field included few women, eventually serving as chief newsroom recruiter at the Washington Post, finding and mentoring budding journalists, some of whom went on to be awarded the Pulitzer Prize;

WHEREAS, during her time at the Washington Post, Mrs. Havemann was a delightful and respected colleague to many, bringing her powers of observation, talent at writing and editing, sense of humor, and joy to the newsroom and to readers; for example, as food editor she created a beloved annual “Cookie Issue” during the holiday season;

WHEREAS, upon leaving the Washington Post in 2006, Mrs. Havemann edited the Wilson Quarterly, an award-winning digital journal published by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars here in the District;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Havemann went on to teach journalism at the University of Maryland College Park and became director of public affairs of the National Endowment for the Humanities;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Havemann ran as a write-in candidate in the 2022 General Election for the new ANC3A02 seat;

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Havemann was a passionate and effective advocate on behalf of her Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3A constituents, particularly in making available information about the new WMATA bus routes proposed in the Better Bus initiative;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Havemann passed away on July 28, 2024;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Havemann is survived by her children, Theresa, Anne, William, and Margaret, and her 7 grandchildren.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Judith Havemann Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2024”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates Judith “Judy” Havemann for her considerable contributions to the District.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.