

4 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION  
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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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13 To recognize and honor Dr. Elizabeth (Bettye) Bouey-Yates, in celebrating her life, and to  
14 proclaim April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Dr. Elizabeth (Bettye) Bouey-Yates Day.

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Bouey-Yates has lived in the District of Columbia for over 48 years and  
16 currently resides at 328 G Street SW Washington, DC 20024;

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Bouey-Yates is the daughter of the late Rev. Edward H. Bouey and Dr.  
18 Elizabeth Cloes Bouey of Richmond, VA, who both served as missionaries in West  
19 Africa for many years;

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Bouey-Yates followed in the footsteps of her parents by spending much of her  
21 life in developing countries in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean, working with people  
22 and programs to provide educational and technical assistance;

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Bouey-Yates began preparation for her life's work at Virginia Union  
24 University, graduating in 1943 at the age of 17 years old;

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Bouey-Yates received her first graduate degree from Columbia University in  
26 New York City and her doctoral degree from George Washington University;

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Bouey-Yates began her professional career as a teacher in the Richmond Public  
28 Schools;

29 WHEREAS, Dr. Bouey-Yates joined the staff of the International Relations Division of the  
30 National Education Association (NEA) as Director of its Overseas Educational  
31 Assistance Program in 1964, living and working in developing countries throughout the  
32 world;

33 WHEREAS, Dr. Bouey-Yates later moved to Switzerland to work for the World Confederation  
34 of Organizations of the Teaching Profession (WCOTP) as Program Director for Africa;

35 WHEREAS, Dr. Bouey-Yates lived through the outbreak of war in the Congo, a plane hijacking  
36 across the Red Sea to Yemen, coup d'états in Liberia and the Cameroons, political  
37 demonstrations in Swaziland, Lesotho, and South Africa, and relief efforts in drought-  
38 stricken Ethiopia;

39 WHEREAS, Dr. Bouey-Yates from 1977 to her retirement in 1986 worked in South Africa,  
40 assisting the Black and Colored Teachers Association in their struggle against apartheid;

41 WHEREAS, Dr. Bouey-Yates passion for South Africa has resulted in organized trips of  
42 American groups to study, experience, and enjoy the country she has come to love so  
43 dearly;

44 WHEREAS, Dr. Bouey-Yates through her numerous trips with more than a thousand travelers  
45 has resulted in the formation of the Dr. Bettye Bouey-Yates Educational Foundation,  
46 founded primarily to give much needed assistance to the 1,200 children at the  
47 Christianberg Public Primary School, located outside the city of Durban;

48 WHEREAS, Dr. Bouey-Yates belongs to Christ United Methodist Church in the District of  
49 Columbia, where its members, many of whom are former South African travelers,  
50 provide various forms of assistance to an orphanage, a church, and HIV-AIDS program  
51 in South Africa's black township of Soweto;

52 WHEREAS, Dr. Bouey-Yates is a member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., and continues to be  
53 involved in many activities that relate to Africa, African-American history, and the  
54 culture and arts; and

55 WHEREAS, the District of Columbia and the DC Council are privileged and honored to  
56 recognize the life of Dr. Elizabeth (Bettye) Bouey Yates on this auspicious occasion.

57 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution  
58 may be cited as the “Dr. Elizabeth (Bettye) Bouey Yates Day Recognition Resolution of  
59 2017”.

60 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes Dr. Elizabeth (Bettye) Bouey Yates for her commitment  
61 to the District of Columbia.

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

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