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2 Councilmember Anita Bonds

Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

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6 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION
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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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17 To recognize and honor Romaine B. Thomas for her numerous contributions to the District of
18 Columbia on the occasion of her 90th birthday.
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20 WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas received her Bachelor of Science degree from Miners
21 Teachers College and a Masters of Arts degree from The George Washington University;
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23 WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas continued advanced studies in higher education, which
24 included Vanderbilt University and time in London, England to study a pilot program on open
25 space in education;
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27 WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas devoted most of her life to her family, education, and
28 civic activism;
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30 WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas served as the principal of John Henry Ketchum
31 Elementary School;
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33 WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas was awarded the National Distinguished Principal's
34 award by the U.S. Secretary of Education for her service;
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36 WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas was one of fifty-four nationally selected principals to
37 receive the National Distinguished Principal Award for her outstanding leadership in providing
38 quality education for children;
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40 WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas demonstrated a commitment to community service and
41 concern for the common good and welfare for people;
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43 WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas is a longtime advocate of the senior community with a
44 record that clearly demonstrates her involvement and dedication;
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46 WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas was an advocate for seniors and people who are
47 disabled;

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49 WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas, a native Washingtonian, is the former President of the
50 Woodridge Civic Association and the 2nd Vice President of the District of Columbia’s Federation
51 of Civic Associations;

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53 WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas served as DC Democratic Convention Chairwoman
54 and was a delegate in 2012 to the Democratic National Convention;

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56 WHEREAS, Romaine B. Thomas served as the President of the Executive Council of
57 D.C.’s AARP, and Chairperson for the D.C. Commission on Aging;

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59 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
60 resolution may be cited as the “Romaine B. Thomas 90th Birthday Celebration Recognition
61 Resolution of 2019”.

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63 Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors Romaine B. Thomas as she celebrates her 90th
64 birthday and for her involvement, participation and contributions to the District of Columbia.

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

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