


Councilmember David Grosso

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5 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION
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7 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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10 To recognize and celebrate Victor Shargai's life and his contributions to the cultural and artistic
11 development of the District of Columbia and to declare Friday, February 14, 2020, as
12 "Victor Shargai Day" in the District of Columbia.
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14 WHEREAS, Mr. Shargai was a resident of the District of Columbia for six decades;
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16 WHEREAS, Mr. Shargai was a local business owner and world-renowned interior designer
17 whose creativity brought spaces to life including the South Opera Lounge of the Kennedy Center
18 for the Performing Arts, embassy homes, federal offices, and private residences in the District of
19 Columbia, across the nation, and around the world;
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21 WHEREAS, Mr. Shargai was a tireless supporter, promoter, and advocate for live theater
22 in the District of Columbia for over forty years and helped transform the D.C. area into a leading
23 arts and cultural center;
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25 WHEREAS, Mr. Shargai was a respected member of the Washington, D.C. theater
26 community and served as a board member and chairman of theatreWashington and on the boards
27 of several other cultural institutions and organizations including the Washington Ballet, Studio
28 Theatre, and Signature Theatre;
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30 WHEREAS, Mr. Shargai's dedication to the artistic and cultural vibrancy of the District of
31 Columbia contributed to the exponential growth of professional theaters in the region that now
32 support more than 200 productions annually, with a majority in the District of Columbia;
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34 WHEREAS, Mr. Shargai helped establish the Helen Hayes Awards to recognize excellence
35 in the District of Columbia theater and through his leadership the award became a nationally
36 recognized honor to theater artists and institutions;

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38 WHEREAS, Mr. Shargai was named Washingtonian of the Year in 1994 by
39 Washingtonian Magazine and received the Helen Hayes Tribute Award in 2014;

40 WHEREAS, Mr. Shargai died on December 24, 2019 at the age of 83 at his home in the
41 District of Columbia and is survived by his husband Craig Pascal; and

42 WHEREAS, Mr. Shargai's unforgettable legacy will live on through his artistic and
43 creative contributions to the cultural vibrancy of the District of Columbia.

44 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
45 resolution may be cited as the "Victor Shargai Recognition Resolution of 2020".

46 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the contributions of Victor
47 Shargai to the District of Columbia's arts, theater, and creative economy, and declares Friday,
48 February 14, 2020, as "Victor Shargai Day" in the District of Columbia.

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