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24 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION  
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28 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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32 To recognize and honor Kojo Nnamdi for 23 years as host of *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*, a  
33 nationally recognized radio program based in Washington, D.C., as it comes to an end.  
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35 WHEREAS, native to Guyana, Kojo’s advocacy for his home country’s independence  
36 and the rights of communities of color led him to the United States in 1968 to explore the  
37 American civil rights movement;  
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39 WHEREAS, after briefly joining the Black Panther Party Kojo moved to Washington,  
40 D.C. and attended Federal City College – now the University of the District of Columbia –  
41 where he helped form the Center for Black Education;  
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43 WHEREAS, Kojo began his radio career in 1969 at WOL and, from 1973 to 1985,  
44 climbed the ranks at Howard University radio station, WHUR, where he served as news editor  
45 and news director and helped produce *The Daily Drum* news program;

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47 WHEREAS, Kojo contributed to several Washington, D.C. area newsrooms including as  
48 host of Howard University's *Evening Exchange* television program from 1985 to 2011;

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50 WHEREAS, Kojo joined WAMU in 1998 as host of its *Public Interest* radio program,  
51 which was later renamed *The Kojo Nnamdi Show* in September 2002;

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53 WHEREAS, *The Kojo Nnamdi Show* is unmatched in its ability to engage listeners of  
54 varied backgrounds in in-depth discussions of complex yet sensitive social, economic, political,  
55 and racial issues important to residents of the greater Washington, D.C. area;

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57 WHEREAS, *The Kojo Nnamdi Show* has risen to national prominence and received  
58 numerous awards, including the National Association of Black Journalists' Salute to Excellence  
59 Award and multiple Public Radio News Directors Incorporated and Associated Press honors;

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61 WHEREAS, Kojo's four-decades-long career in and commitment to journalism have left  
62 an indelible mark on Washington, D.C. and the larger metropolitan region;

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64 WHEREAS, Kojo has been named "Washingtonian of the Year" by *Washingtonian*  
65 magazine; voted Best Radio Personality for five consecutive years in *Washington City Paper's*  
66 Best of D.C. poll; inducted into the Society of Professional Journalists' Hall of Fame,  
67 Washington, D.C. chapter; and inducted into the Washington D.C. Hall of Fame;

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69 WHEREAS, *The Kojo Nnamdi Show* will end on April 1, 2021;

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71 WHEREAS, Kojo will remain a staple in the Washington, D.C. region as host of *Kojo in*  
72 *Our Community*, a series of live events for WAMU, in addition to *The Politics Hour*.

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74 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution  
75 may be cited as the "Kojo Nnamdi Recognition Resolution of 2021".

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77 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Kojo for his  
78 activism, service, and contribution to the greater Washington region as a broadcast journalism  
79 pioneer and on the occasion of the conclusion of *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*.

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81 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.