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7 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION  
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11 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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15 To recognize and honor the service of Kendra Perkins Norwood, fifty-second President of  
16 the Washington Bar Association.

17 WHEREAS, the Washington Bar Association was formed in 1925 as one of the first  
18 African American Bar associations in the country;

19 WHEREAS, the Washington Bar Association's membership includes significant legal  
20 titans such as George E.C. Hayes and Charles Hamilton Houston;

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins Norwood attended Southern University and A&M College, the  
22 Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and received her J.D. from Georgetown  
23 University Law Center;

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins Norwood's dedication to public service was reflected in her work  
25 at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) prior to her current position as a  
26 partner at Wiley Rein LLP;

27 WHEREAS, Kendra Perkins Norwood was sworn in in 2021 as the 2021-2022 President  
28 of the Washington Bar Association;

29 WHEREAS, under Ms. Perkins Norwood's leadership, the Washington Bar Association  
30 confronted several significant societal issues, including the COVID-19 pandemic, questions of  
31 racial equity and police violence, and political upheaval. Ms. Perkins Norwood's leadership helped  
32 members of the Washington Bar Association maintain confidence in the organization during  
33 difficult times;

34 WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins Norwood championed many causes during her leadership,  
35 including increasing the emphasis on nonprofit and government service, helping members with  
36 job placement, and creating a more meaningful membership experience;

37           WHEREAS, under Ms. Perkins Norwood’s leadership, the Washington Bar Association  
38 partnered with firms, sponsors, and other organizations to award and increase scholarships to law  
39 students, provide quality programs for members, and file an amicus curiae brief in *Students for*  
40 *Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College*; and

41           WHEREAS, Ms. Perkins Norwood emphasized the legacy of Black legal excellence and  
42 Black participation in the law throughout her 2021-2022 term as President of the Washington Bar  
43 Association.

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45           RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this  
46 resolution may be cited as the “Kendra Perkins Norwood Recognition Resolution of 2022”.

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48           Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Kendra Perkins  
49 Norwood for her outstanding leadership in the District of Columbia as President of the Washington  
50 Bar Association.

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