

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor Pat Collins for his outstanding accomplishments as an award-winning broadcast journalist, to commend him for the impact his work has had in the District of Columbia, and to celebrate his retirement after a long career bringing the news to District residents.

WHEREAS, Pat Collins was born in 1946, in Washington, DC, and grew up on H Street Northwest;

WHEREAS, Collins is a graduate and noted alumnus of Notre Dame University;

WHEREAS, after graduating from Notre Dame in 1968, Collins spent a year in Vietnam;

WHEREAS, Collins began his career at 15 years old as a print journalist working first for the *Washington Daily News*, and later for the *Washington Star*;

WHEREAS, by the age of 17, Collins had a regular column in the *Washington Daily News*;

WHEREAS, Collins joined NBC4 Washington in 1986, and prior to that, he worked for WJLA-TV in Washington, DC, and WLS-TV in Chicago;

WHEREAS, Collins spent seven years as a general assignment, investigative and feature reporter for WDVM-TV (now WUSA-TV) in Washington, DC;

WHEREAS, Collins has earned 10 Emmy awards, two Clarion awards, and a Chesapeake Associated Press award for "Best Feature Reporter";

43 WHEREAS, Collins was inducted into The Silver Circle by the National Capital
44 Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his more
45 than 25 years of television service in Washington, DC;

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47 WHEREAS, Collins is a Washington, DC TV legend, and delighted viewers with his
48 well-known comedic coverage of hard hitting and breaking news;

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50 WHEREAS, Collins will be remembered for his famous snow stick, which guided many
51 District residents through countless winter storms;

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53 WHEREAS, on December 7, 2022, after 36 years, Collins announced he will retire from
54 NBC4; and

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56 WHEREAS, Collins leaves behind a legacy of quirky and hilarious videos for our
57 viewing pleasure for years to come on YouTube and his personal Facebook page.

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59 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
60 resolution may be cited as the “Pat Collins Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

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62 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and congratulates
63 Pat Collins, on his retirement, for his invaluable contributions during his 36-year career at
64 NBC4, where he will be remembered and celebrated for his coverage of hard hitting and
65 breaking news in the District of Columbia.

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