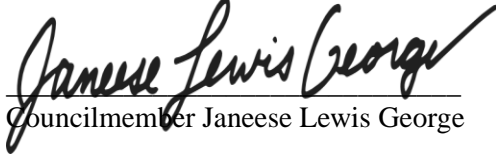


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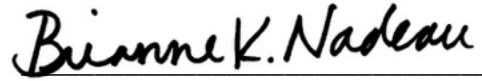
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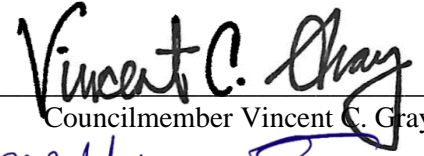
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21 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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25 To posthumous recognize and honor Reverend Doctor Sandra Butler-Truesdale for her
26 significant contributions to our local jazz community and her outstanding years of public
27 service in the District of Columbia.

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29 WHEREAS, Dr. Butler-Truesdale was born in Washington, DC on November 15th, 1939
30 and devoted her life to preserving, protecting and promoting the artistic legacies of Washington's
31 professional musicians;

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33 WHEREAS, Dr. Butler-Truesdale was the founder and chair of DC Legendary
34 Musicians, Inc., an organization that preserves, protects, and promotes the artistic legacy,
35 contributions, and well-being of Washington, D.C.'s jazz scene;

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37 WHEREAS, Dr. Butler-Truesdale, was a lifelong advocate, jazz historian, and servant
38 leader who dedicated herself to the betterment of the District of Columbia;

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40 WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious life, Dr. Butler-Truesdale demonstrated an
41 unwavering commitment to public service, serving as Chair of the D.C. Democrat Party, Chair of
42 the Ward 4 Democrats, commissioner of ANC 4C07, Ward 4 Representative to the DC Board of
43 Education, Chair of the D.C. City Council's Committee on Cops, Chair of the Communications
44 Workers of America's Affordable Housing Committee, and Associate Pastor of Metropolitan
45 AME Church in Washington;

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47 WHEREAS, Dr. Butler-Truesdale also served as a prolific author, sharing her profound
48 knowledge and insights in local publications, enlightening readers about the rich history of the
49 Black community in the District;

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51 WHEREAS, Dr. Butler-Truesdale’s remarkable leadership was instrumental in the
52 redevelopment and restoration of the Campbell Heights Senior Citizens Apartments, as well as
53 the restoration of the historic Paul Laurence Dunbar Apartments at 15th & U St. NW;

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55 WHEREAS, Dr. Butler-Truesdale played an integral role in the rejuvenation of the
56 Historic Howard Theatre, a monumental cultural institution that had been dormant for two
57 decades;

58 WHEREAS, her impact stretched beyond the realm of politics, as Dr. Butler-Truesdale
59 exhibited a deep commitment to empowering the community by nurturing young artists,
60 supporting local music, and mentoring future leaders;

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62 WHEREAS, her dedication as a D.C. music historian, along with her work alongside
63 iconic musicians such as Ray Charles and James Brown, earned her recognition and respect in
64 the world of music;

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66 WHEREAS, her powerful voice echoed across the District through WPFW Radio (89.3
67 FM), where she served as a programmer, writer, and producer, notably on shows like "Don't
68 Forget the Blues" and "Jazz Stories," forging connections with countless listeners;

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70 WHEREAS, in one of her last interviews before her passing, Dr. Butler-Truesdale
71 expressed that she would miss engaging with people, underscoring her deep love for connecting
72 with others; and

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74 WHEREAS, Sandra's legacy as an advocate, historian, musician, community organizer,
75 and mentor serves as an enduring testament to the possibilities of a life lived with passion,
76 purpose, and unwavering commitment to the betterment of people and communities;

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78 **RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, this resolution**
79 **may be cited as the “Reverend Doctor Sandra Butler-Truesdale Ceremonial Recognition of**
80 **2023”**

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82 **Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the life and**
83 **legacy of Reverend Doctor Sandra Butler-Truesdale as a Washingtonian, a historian, an**
84 **advocate, a musician, and a community builder;**

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86 **Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in**
87 **the District of Columbia Register.**