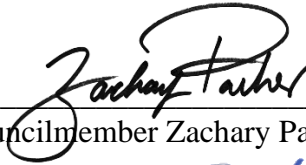
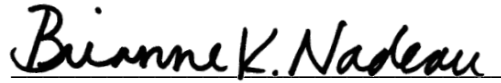


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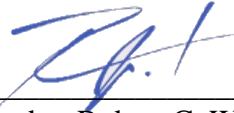
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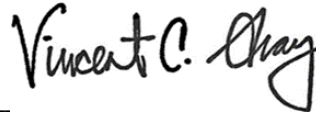
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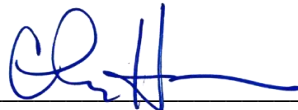
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41 To recognize and honor the life, contributions, and accomplishments of father, friend, husband,  
42 community leader, and activist Joseph Bowser.

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44 WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser was born in Washington, D.C. on October 5, 1935 where he  
45 was raised by his parents Leroy Bowser and Emily Wade Bowser along with his eight siblings;

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WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser was educated at St. Augustine’s Catholic School followed by Armstrong High School;

WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser graduated from Federal City College, which joined with two schools to become District of Columbia University in 1975;

WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser married Joan Bowser on July 16, 1960, and the two raised five children: Mercia, Muriel, Martin, Marvin, and Mark;

WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser devoted 44 years of his life working for the Board of Education for the District of Columbia Public Schools, ensuring our city’s students had clean and safe buildings to flourish as students;

WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser, earning the respect of many academy teachers and staff, introduced dozens of young men to government services, helping them earn a good living and raise their families;

WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser enlisted in the Army reserves, serving as a Drill Sergeant and Marksmanship Instructor from 1952 and 1955;

WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser graduated from Leadership Washington, now called Leadership Greater Washington, in 1996, where he shared his experiences as a leader to help bring positive community impact;

WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser was elected as ANC Commissioner for Single-Member District 5A03, which includes Michigan Park, in 1979 and served in this role for over 30 years;

WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser worked as the chairperson of ANC 5A’s public works committee;

WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser and his family are residents of Ward 5 for more than 50 years;

WHEREAS Joseph Bowser held multiple leadership positions in the North Michigan Park Civic Association, and was known as the “fierce precinct captain’ of precinct 66, having championed many community issues using his vast political knowledge and unwavering commitment to do what was right;

WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser directed his kids and neighborhood kids in community service, on how to represent Ward 5 on various community issues;

88 WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser championed for a new North Michigan Park Recreation  
89 Center;

91 WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser served as Lieutenant Governor of Division 1 of the Capital  
92 District of Kiwanis International, an organization that prioritizes improving the health and  
93 livelihoods of children and communities, in 2007 and 2008;

95 WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser was a faithful member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic  
96 Church for more than 50 years, where he served as a lifetime member of the Knights of  
97 Columbus and the Cursillos in Christianity;

99 WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser enjoyed the outdoors; often took his kids camping, fishing,  
100 and boating; was a devotee of the Washington Nationals;

102 WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser was the first public figure Mayor Muriel Bowser admired,  
103 and his good deeds are forever remembered by his children; and

105 WHEREAS, Joseph Bowser passed on August 2, 2024, and leaves a legacy that will live  
106 on in Ward 5, and the District of Columbia for generations to come.

108 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this  
109 resolution may be cited as the “Joseph Bowser Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2024”.

111 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Joseph Bowser for his years of  
112 dedication to his community, family, and friends where he was a leader and pillar of the  
113 community.

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