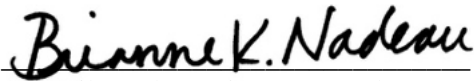


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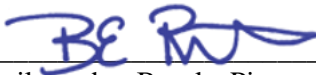
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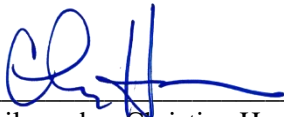
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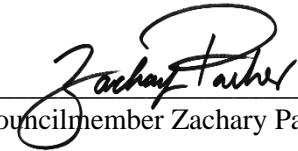
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31 To posthumously recognize and honor Chief Judge Erika L. Pierson’s remarkable commitment to  
32 increasing access to justice and safeguarding the welfare of District residents, and her  
33 distinguished years of public service in the District of Columbia.  
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35 WHEREAS, Judge Pierson was a native of New York City where she attended  
36 Marymount School in Manhattan and relocated to Washington, DC in 1995 and dedicated her life  
37 to enhancing the welfare of children and families in the District of Columbia;  
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39 WHEREAS, Judge Pierson was a graduate of Grinnell College and Northern Illinois  
40 University College of Law;  
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42 WHEREAS, Judge Pierson began her career with the Cook County State’s Attorney’s  
43 Office in Chicago, Illinois where she represented the county in criminal appeals and prosecuted  
44 child abuse and neglect;  
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46 WHEREAS, Judge Pierson spent eight years prosecuting Child Abuse & Neglect at the  
47 Office of the Attorney General in the District of Columbia and was Chief of the Child Abuse &  
48 Neglect Section;

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WHEREAS, Judge Pierson served three years as the General Counsel for DC Public Schools and the Board of Education;

WHEREAS, Judge Pierson spent 13 years as a Principal Administrative Law Judge at the DC Office of Administrative Hearings, where she focused on cases related to Rental Housing, student discipline and residency cases, and cases involving unemployment compensation, worker’s compensation, notices of infraction, public benefits, and tax appeals;

WHEREAS, Judge Pierson was a certified mediator and proficient in alternative dispute resolution;

WHEREAS, Judge Pierson served as Chief Administrative Law Judge for the DC Commission on Human Rights and the DC Office of Human Rights from 2019-2024;

WHEREAS, Judge Pierson was not only known for her accomplishments and commitment to service; she also made work fun, decorating the office for holidays and always remembering her colleagues’ birthdays;

WHEREAS, Judge Pierson is remembered for her love of dance, music, and theater and her ability to sew, cook, and bake, particularly her amazing cheesecake;

WHEREAS, Judge Pierson was known in some circles as Erika “MacGyver” for her ability to make or fix anything and always having the right tool at the right time; and

WHEREAS, Judge Peirson will be remembered for increasing access to justice, making it easier, clearer, and friendlier for pre se litigants and the public, and as a loving partner to Dr. Wendell Peirson and mom to Corey, Kyle, and Kamryn, and a thoughtful, trusted colleague.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Chief Judge Erika Pierson Recognition Resolution of 2024.”

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Judge Pierson for her passion for increasing access to justice, her dedication to children and families, and her commitment to the District of Columbia.

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