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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To celebrate the career and achievements of journalist and radio host Kojo Nnamdi in the District of Columbia on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

WHEREAS Rex Orville Montague Paul, better known as Kojo Nnamdi, was born on January 8, 1945, in British Guiana (now Guyana), and throughout his life, has been a respected radio journalist, public affairs host, and a beacon of knowledge and dialogue for the Washington, DC region;

WHEREAS, Kojo Nnamdi began his career with passion and purpose, moving from his native Guyana to Canada and eventually to the United States, where he pursued his education and became involved in the Black Power movement, before finding his calling in radio;

WHEREAS, since 1969, Kojo Nnamdi has established himself as a leading figure in broadcasting, with roles that included editing and directing at Washington's WOL and WHUR radio stations, later becoming a long-standing host of the public affairs television show Evening Exchange on WHUT-TV, where he engaged viewers in deep conversations on vital local, national, and international topics;

WHEREAS, Kojo Nnamdi made his mark as the host of The Kojo Nnamdi Show on WAMU, bringing thoughtful discussion to the airwaves for over 23 years, covering topics ranging from transportation and gentrification to racial relations and food culture, while remaining focused on the issues that matter most to the DC metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, Nnamdi's interviewing style, characterized by insightful, direct, and fair questions, has earned him the respect of listeners, public officials, and fellow broadcasters alike;

WHEREAS, Kojo Nnamdi's contributions go beyond broadcasting, as his Kojo in Our Community series has fostered engagement with citizens across the region, giving voice to local concerns and creating a space where ordinary people and leaders can have constructive dialogue;

49 WHEREAS, Kojo Nnamdi continues to play a critical role in public radio, hosting The Politics
50 Hour and Kojo In Your Community sessions, maintaining a forum that holds public officials accountable,
51 promotes civic engagement, and connects Washingtonians with their leaders;
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53 WHEREAS, Kojo Nnamdi has been a beloved fixture on Washington’s airwaves, appreciated not
54 only for his calm, reflective style but for his ability to present complex issues in an accessible and
55 engaging manner;
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57 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that on this
58 momentous occasion of Kojo Nnamdi’s 80th birthday, we celebrate his illustrious career, his contributions
59 to journalism and public discourse, and his tireless dedication to enriching the lives of those in the
60 Washington, DC region.
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62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that
63 we express our deepest appreciation for Kojo Nnamdi’s continued influence, and wish him many more
64 years of health, happiness, and impactful work. May his voice continue to inspire, inform, and connect
65 communities for generations to come.
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67 Sec. 2. This resolution may be cited as the “Kojo Nnamdi 80th Birthday Recognition Resolution
68 of 2024”.
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70 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the
71 District of Columbia Register.