

Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To honor and recognize the Washington Informer on its 60th Anniversary for its dedication to delivering news and information to the residents of Washington, D.C., and beyond.

WHEREAS, the Washington Informer was founded in 1964 by Dr. Calvin W. Rolark with a mission to provide timely, relevant, and insightful news coverage to the African American community and the broader Washington, D.C. area;

WHEREAS, the Washington Informer has played a pivotal role in documenting and preserving the history, achievements, and challenges of the African American community, ensuring that their voices and stories are heard and acknowledged;

WHEREAS, over the past six decades, the Washington Informer has upheld the highest standards of journalism, covering critical issues including education, politics, business, culture, and civil rights, thereby serving as a trusted source of information and advocacy;

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Publisher and Executive Editor Denise Rolark Barnes, the Washington Informer has continued to grow and evolve, embracing new media platforms while maintaining its commitment to its readership and the principles of free and responsible journalism;

WHEREAS, the Washington Informer has been instrumental in fostering civic engagement, promoting economic empowerment, and strengthening the social fabric of the Washington, D.C. community through its reporting and initiatives;

WHEREAS, the Washington Informer has received numerous accolades and recognitions for its contributions to journalism and the community, reflecting its unwavering dedication to excellence and service;

WHEREAS, on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary, the Washington Informer stands as a beacon of journalistic integrity and community service, continuing to inform, educate, and inspire generations of readers;

45 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, this resolution
46 may be cited as the “Washington Informer 60th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2025”.

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48 The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates and commends the Washington
49 Informer on its 60th Anniversary and expresses profound appreciation for its invaluable
50 contributions to the District of Columbia and beyond.

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