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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize, honor, and celebrate Liz Crafford for her leadership, volunteerism, and dedication to protecting and restoring the natural environment in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Liz Crafford has been a dedicated advocate for environmental stewardship and the protection of the District of Columbia’s natural spaces;

WHEREAS, Liz Crafford was instrumental in the drafting and introduction of the Office of Natural Area Conservation Establishment Act of 2023 (Bill 25-0487), legislation introduced in September 2023 to establish an Office of Natural Area Conservation within the Department of Energy and Environment to help manage and protect the District’s forested natural areas and forest patches;

WHEREAS, the legislation aims to strengthen the District’s ability to promote native plants, address invasive species, and support community engagement in caring for forested natural areas across the city;

WHEREAS, Liz Crafford testified before the Council of the District of Columbia multiple times in support of protecting the District’s natural areas and improving stewardship of forested land;

31 WHEREAS, Liz Crafford leads the Shepherd Park Weed Warriors, a volunteer effort
32 founded in 2021 that works with the Department of Parks and Recreation and community
33 partners to remove invasive plants, restore native vegetation, and protect the hillside next to
34 Shepherd Elementary School’s soccer field;

35 WHEREAS, through the Shepherd Park Weed Warriors, Liz Crafford has helped train
36 residents to identify and remove invasive species while promoting native plants and
37 strengthening environmental stewardship within the Ward 4 community;

38 WHEREAS, Liz Crafford has also been a strong advocate for improved park
39 maintenance, including pressing District agencies to improve early notification and response
40 when trash and recycling receptacles overflow in neighborhood parks;

41 WHEREAS, Liz Crafford’s identification of problems with the City’s solid waste
42 collection system helped shape an oversight priority that the Council continues to pursue;

43 WHEREAS, Liz Crafford lives her values through her commitment to ecological
44 stewardship and by promoting natural habitats and native plant ecosystems within her own
45 community; and

46 WHEREAS, Liz Crafford’s leadership, advocacy, and volunteer service have
47 strengthened environmental stewardship in Ward 4 and across the District of Columbia.

48 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
49 resolution may be cited as the “Liz Crafford Recognition Resolution of 2026”.

50 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Liz Crafford for
51 her outstanding volunteer leadership and dedication to protecting the District’s natural
52 environment.

53 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.