



Councilmember Charles Allen

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize Sandra Mattavous-Frye, on the occasion of her retirement, for her many years of dedicated service to the District as the People's Counsel for the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Sandra Mattavous-Frye is a distinguished graduate of Howard University and the Antioch School of Law, where she obtained a Bachelor's in Journalism and a Juris Doctorate specializing in banking, corporate finance, and securities law;

WHEREAS, she has served with the Office of People's Council ("OPC") for more than 30 years, including as Deputy People's Counsel, Director of Litigation, and Energy Section Trial Supervisor;

WHEREAS, her remarkable journey with OPC began in 1984 as a Law Clerk, evolving through decades of service as a Senior Attorney, Trial Supervisor, Director of Litigation, and Deputy People's Counsel;

WHEREAS, following 29 years of advocacy, she was appointed by Mayor Vincent Gray and unanimously confirmed by the Council of the District of Columbia in 2011, subsequently leading the office through four terms of "zealous representation" as the People's Counsel;

WHEREAS, during her tenure as People's Counsel, Ms. Mattavous-Frye secured millions of dollars in ratepayer savings and navigated complex regulatory challenges, including the Pepco-Exelon merger and the expanded protection of DC Water consumers;

WHEREAS, she demonstrated visionary leadership by establishing the first OPC Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Section and launching the District's inaugural "Value of Solar" study to provide a roadmap for renewable energy deployment across all eight wards;

WHEREAS, she spearheaded critical investigations into the abusive practices of third-party energy suppliers, securing settlements that provided essential refunds and emergency energy assistance to hundreds of low-income residents;

WHEREAS, her commitment to institutional memory and transparency culminated in the publication of Currents of Change: OPC's Journey to Protect Utility Consumers, a history book capturing the evolution of the agency she helped build and lead into the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mattavous-Frye's "passion for giving voice to the voiceless" has left an indelible mark on the District's legal and civic landscape, having mentored generations of public interest attorneys and advocates dedicated to the fair treatment of all residents.

WHEREAS, Ms. Mattavous-Frye has received numerous awards, including, the University of the District of Columbia Advocate for Justice Award (2013), the State Regulatory Practitioner Award from the Energy Bar Association (2016); the Outstanding Citizens Award from the DC Federation of Citizens Associations (2018);

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned awards, in 2021, Ms. Mattavous-Frye received the Robert F. Manifold Lifetime Service Award, which is given to "individuals who have demonstrated the highest level of dedication to public service over their career" and is the highest honor awarded by the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates;

WHEREAS, on the occasion of her retirement on April 2026, the District wishes Sandra Mattavous-Frye and her family all the best in this new chapter of her life; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Council will greatly miss her kindness, passion, collaboration, professionalism, and unrivaled expertise.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Sandra Mattavous-Frye Recognition Resolution of 2026".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes Sandra Mattavous-Frye, on the occasion of her retirement, for her many years of dedicated service to the District as People's Counsel for the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.