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[Councilmember]

Councilmember Anita Bonds

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To honor and recognize the Hayes Senior Wellness Center of Ward 6 for serving as a vital community resource dedicated to enhancing the health, well-being, independence, and quality of life of adults aged 60 and above throughout the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, September is Healthy Aging Month and this year's theme celebrates the value of being curious throughout our lives by staying connected with others, staying active, and trying new things;

WHEREAS, we in the District of Columbia are fortunate to have in place Senior Wellness Centers that actively involve any resident over the age of 60 who wishes to participate or enjoy the services offered by the Centers;

WHEREAS, the Senior Wellness Centers of the District of Columbia have served as a vital community resource since 1985 and are dedicated to enhancing the health, well-being, independence, and quality of life of seniors throughout the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, these Centers provide opportunities for lifelong learning, physical fitness, nutrition education, health promotion, disease prevention, social engagement, and cultural enrichment;

WHEREAS, the Senior Wellness Centers foster meaningful connections among residents, helping to reduce isolation, strengthen community bonds, and promote active and healthy aging;

WHEREAS, the dedicated staff, volunteers, community partners, and supporters of the Senior Wellness Centers work tirelessly to provide programs and services that empower older adults to live with dignity, purpose and independence;

46 WHEREAS, the Senior Wellness Centers reflect the District of Columbia's commitment
47 to honoring and supporting its senior residents, recognizing their contributions, wisdom, and
48 continued engagement in civic and community life;

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50 WHEREAS, the success of the Senior Wellness Centers is a testament to the vision,
51 leadership, and dedication of those who have championed services for older adults in DC;

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53 WHEREAS, the Hayes Senior Wellness Center is the Ward 6 activity center with social,
54 recreational and educational programs designed specifically for senior adults; and

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56 WHEREAS, the Hayes Center produces their amazing signature event of the year called
57 "Picture This," a fashion show worthy of a Hollywood production and equally as elaborate and
58 entertaining with its creative garden-inspired runway, recycled decorations, and exquisite fashion
59 models who are members of the center.

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61 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
62 resolution may be cited as the "Hayes Senior Wellness Center Recognition Resolution of 2026".

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64 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and congratulates the staff,
65 volunteers, and supporters of the Hayes Senior Wellness Center on the various and meaningful
66 service they provide to their members and the continuing commitment they exhibit to promoting
67 health, independence, dignity, and community engagement for the residents of the District of
68 Columbia.

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