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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To honor and recognize the Model Cities Senior Wellness Center of Ward 5 for serving as a vital community resource dedicated to enhancing the health, well-being, independence, and quality of life of seniors in 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;

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

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51 WHEREAS, the Model Cities Senior Wellness Center, located at 1901 Evarts Street NE,
52 has served as an important resource for older adults in the District of Columbia, providing
53 opportunities to engage in important areas such as recreation, education, social connection, and
54 health;

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56 WHEREAS, Model Cities is part of the District's network of senior wellness centers
57 dedicated to helping older Washingtonians remain involved and active in their surroundings and
58 connected to their communities;

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60 WHEREAS, the Center provides D.C. residents ages 60 and above with a welcoming
61 place to participate in programs featuring sessions in areas such as health, arts and crafts,
62 technology, and education;

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64 WHEREAS, Model Cities further offers seniors the opportunity to embark on field trips
65 and participate in community meals thus helping to reduce the feeling of social isolation;

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67 WHEREAS, the center has played an especially important role in Ward 5 by providing
68 residents in that area with accessible programs and services that keep them engaged, active, and
69 feeling valued; and

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71 WHEREAS, continued investment in Model Cities, including improvements and the
72 recently added multipurpose space, reflects the District's commitment to providing welcoming
73 and effective places where older adults can feel relevant, be active, remain engaged, and stay
74 involved in the community.

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76 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
77 resolution may be cited as the "Model Cities Senior Wellness Center Recognition Resolution of
78 2026".

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80 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Model Cities for its
81 continuing commitment to building a supportive community and longstanding service to District
82 seniors, and honors the dedicated staff, partners, volunteers, instructors, and participants who
83 contribute to the vitality of this important institution.

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