



[Councilmember]

Councilmember Anita Bonds

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To honor and recognize Robert Vinson Brannum, a native Washingtonian, United States Air Force veteran, community leader, civil rights advocate, and tireless champion for the people of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Robert Vinson Brannum has devoted his life to the principle that being a resident of the District carries with it a responsibility to serve the District;

WHEREAS, Mr. Brannum has demonstrated his commitment through decades of military, civic, veterans, and community service;

WHEREAS, as a veteran of the United States Air Force, Mr. Brannum proudly served his country and has continued his tradition of service by advocating for veterans and ensuring that their voices are heard and their contributions recognized;

WHEREAS, Mr. Brannum has been a longtime leader within the NAACP Washington, DC Branch, including serving as Chair of its Veterans Committee, where he has worked to advance the interests of veterans while carrying forward NAACP's historic commitment to equality, justice, and civil rights;

WHEREAS, Robert Vinson Brannum has been a steadfast advocate for full voting rights and statehood for the District of Columbia, upholding with conviction the premise that residents of the Nation's Capital deserve the same democratic voice and representation as residents of every state in the United States;

WHEREAS, his commitment to our city is not simply political but deeply personal, reflecting his identity as a native Washingtonian and his belief that everyone in the District deserves a government that listens to and serves them;

WHEREAS, Mr. Brannum has also given his time to neighborhood and civic affairs,

47 including service as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner;
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49 WHEREAS, his dedication to public service has extended well beyond the boundaries of
50 any one organization or cause but has earned him the reputation of consistently being willing to
51 speak up, advocate, and work on behalf of principles in which he believes;
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53 WHEREAS, in 2017, Robert Vinson Brannum's commitment to Democratic principles
54 led him to seek the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee; and
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56 WHEREAS, Robert Vinson Brannum has remained true to the values of service, justice,
57 equality, democracy, and community.
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59 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
60 resolution may be cited as the "Robert Vinson Brannum Recognition Resolution of 2026".
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62 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Robert Vinson
63 Brannum as a proud Washingtonian and United States Air Force veteran who has engaged in a
64 lifetime of military and community service, advocacy on behalf of veterans and civil rights, and
65 unwavering commitment to the people and the future of the District of Columbia.
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67 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
68 the District of Columbia Register.