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42 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION
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47 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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51 To recognize and celebrate former District of Columbia Councilmember James “Jim” E.
52 Nathanson for his leadership, dedication, and outstanding years of service to the people
53 of the District of Columbia.
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55 WHEREAS, Mr. Nathanson earned a bachelor’s degree in government from Harvard
56 University, a law degree from The George Washington University Law School, and a master’s
57 degree from The George Washington University School of Education;
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59 WHEREAS, Mr. Nathanson began his career while serving in the United States Army
60 from 1954-1956, after which he moved to the District to attend law school;
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62 WHEREAS, Mr. Nathanson has called the District home for 70 years and has built a
63 venerable career in public service with his wife, Minna, while raising their daughter, Molly;
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65 WHEREAS, after spending time in private practice, Jim joined District of Columbia
66 Public Schools and became a beloved Social Studies teacher at Cardozo Education Campus
67 (formerly Cardozo Senior High School) and Duke Ellington School of the Arts (formerly
68 Western High School) between 1962 and 1986;
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70 WHEREAS, Mr. Nathanson was elected to the Ward 3 seat of the Council of the District
71 of Columbia in 1987 and served until 1994;
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73 WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Council of the District of Columbia, he served as
74 Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary, Committee on Government Operations, and Human
75 Services and Public Safety Committee, as well as Chair of the Task Force of the University of
76 the District of Columbia, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Transportation
77 Planning Board, and Committee on Noise Abatement at National and Dulles Airport;
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79 WHEREAS, Mr. Nathanson also served for more than a decade on the Washington Home Rule
80 Committee and the Ward 3 Democratic Committee, including as Precinct 27 Chair from 1978-
81 1982;

82 WHEREAS, Mr. Nathanson has contributed his time and talent over many years to the
83 District's senior community as a member of the AARP DC Executive Committee, a member of
84 the Board of Directors of Emmaus Services for the Aging, Home Care Partners, and Hospice
85 Care of DC, a volunteer at Legal Counsel for the Elderly, and former President of the Board of
86 Directors, volunteer, and current member of the Board of Associates at Iona Senior Services; and
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88 WHEREAS, Mr. Nathanson and his wife Minna are closing their chapter in the District and
89 returning to his home state of Massachusetts to live closer to their daughter.

90 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
91 resolution may be cited as the "Jim Nathanson Recognition Resolution of 2026".
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93 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors former
94 Councilmember Jim Nathanson for his years of public service and dedication to the wellbeing of
95 the residents of the District of Columbia.
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97 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
98 the District of Columbia Register.
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