[Councilmember] Councilmember Anita Bonds

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To honor and recognize the Office of the Secretary for its efforts in preserving the history and heritage of the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Secretary of the District of Columbia serves an essential role in the effective operation of our government by preserving official records, maintaining public documents, and supporting the transparency, accountability, and continuity of government;

WHEREAS, the Office of the Secretary of D.C., directed by Secretary Kimberly Bassett, is entrusted with a broad range of responsibilities, including the authentication of official documents, led by Victor Reid; the administration of notarial and apostille services; the maintenance of the District's official seal, the Director of the Archives and District's history, led by Dr. Lopez Matthews, and other important records, and the liaison with the diplomatic and international community;

WHEREAS, through service to our government, residents, businesses, agencies and international visitors, the Office helps ensure that these official government functions are professional, accurate, with integrity, on behalf of our government and all our residents;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the District government, many times referred to as our Secretary of State, is the face of our government and represents the D.C. government; promoting the over 700,000 residents in population; speaking on behalf of the District; highlighting the city's hub of governmental, cultural and business activity; and serving as the host city for the diplomatic corps;

WHEREAS, Councilmember Anita Bonds wishes to express her sincere appreciation to the Office of the Secretary for its service to D.C. and recognizes that the work of this Office is

fundamental to preserving the public record, serving the community and acting on behalf of our government and all our residents;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the "Office of the Secretary Recognition Resolution of 2026".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the Office of the Secretary for its efforts in preserving the history and heritage of the District of Columbia.

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