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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and recognize the impact the organization has had on advancing economic opportunity through the District and Metropolitan region.

WHEREAS, the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GWHCC) was founded in 1976 as the Ibero American Chamber of Commerce and has grown from its roots serving the region's Hispanic business community into a leading regional organization connecting entrepreneurs and small businesses with corporations, financial institutions, government agencies, and economic-development resources;

WHEREAS, the GWHCC has provided entrepreneurs with technical assistance, educational programming, access-to-capital resources, business development support, workshops, and one-on-one guidance designed to help businesses start, strengthen, and expand;

WHEREAS, GWHCC has increasingly served as a bridge between the Washington business community and the international marketplace welcoming more than 190 attendees, 54+ ambassadors, and representation from more than 64 countries to annual luncheons;

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the Chamber has built partnerships across the private, public, nonprofit, and financial sectors, helping connect small and minority-owned businesses to resources and opportunities that might otherwise be difficult to access;

WHEREAS, GWHCC has received national recognition for their work, being named Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of the Year by the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the milestone recognizes not only the Chamber's longevity, but also the thousands of entrepreneurs, businesses, community leaders, corporate partners, government agencies, and advocates who have contributed to strengthening the Hispanic and minority business community in Washington over the past five decades.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 50th Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2026".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and their focus to expand economic opportunity, strengthen small businesses, and build a more connected and competitive regional business community.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.