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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF COMMUNITY ADVOCATE SYLVIA ROBINSON

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B mourns the passing of Sylvia Robinson and celebrates her life of community engagement and achievements which will continue to inspire the community.

WHEREAS, Since 2003 when Sylvia took over the space that was formerly home to the National Association for the Relief of Destitute Colored Women and Children on Euclid Street, she built the Emergence Community Arts Collective into a model of a true community center – a center not imposed on the community, but one built by the community.

WHEREAS, Sylvia was a tireless leader for the lower Georgia Avenue community. She was one of the founding members of the Georgia Avenue Community Development Task Force, the working group leader of the Georgia Avenue and Pleasant Plains Heritage Trail, the visionary project director of the Georgia Avenue Window Walk, and the community leader who helped save the temporary Bruce Monroe park site from becoming a parking lot.

WHEREAS, Sylvia was the lead organizer of biannual community development reviews at Howard University; day-long events that informed residents, business owners, city officials and other stakeholders of planned development projects in the Georgia Avenue corridor. Since 2011, her signature annual awards banquet, In Honor Of (formerly In Her Honor), has recognized 50 community leaders from the Pleasant Plains and Park View neighborhoods for their extraordinary work in the community.

WHEREAS, Sylvia’s spirit and legacy will continue to inspire our community for years to come.

Therefore, be it resolved, by the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B of the District of Columbia, that:

1) This Commission recognizes Sylvia Robinson for her community leadership and commitment to the community;
2) Extend our sympathy to Sylvia’s family and her long-time partner; and,
3) Encourage all that live in ANC 1B embrace Sylvia’s spirit of community engagement and engage in ANC activities, civic associations, neighborhood watches, and events to better our community.

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CERTIFICATION:

After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum present at its October 5, 2017 meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

James A. Turner
Chair ANC 1B, Commissioner 1B09

Jon Squicciarini
Secretary ANC 1B, Commissioner 1B04

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