



Council of the District of Columbia

Resolution

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JOHN P. DAVIS MEMORIAL RECOGNITION RESOLUTION OF 2005

WHEREAS, JOHN P. DAVIS WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY, JOURNALIST AND PUBLISHER OF THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN NATIONAL MAGAZINE - OUR WORLD;

WHEREAS, 2005, MARKS THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF JOHN P. DAVIS;

WHEREAS, JOHN P. DAVIS WORKED ON THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL RECOVERY WITH ROBERT C. WEAVER;

WHEREAS, JOHN P. DAVIS WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE NEGRO NATIONAL CONGRESS;

WHEREAS, JOHN P. DAVIS BROUGHT SUCCESSFUL LAWSUITS AGAINST THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR FAILING TO ADMIT HIS CHILD TO NOYES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE 1940'S BASED UPON CONSTITUTIONALLY IMPERMISSIBLE REASONS;

WHEREAS, JOHN P. DAVIS BROUGHT A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE WASHINGTON STAR NEWSPAPER FOR DISCRIMINATION;

WHEREAS, JOHN P. DAVIS WAS EDITOR THE AMERICAN NEGRO REFERENCE BOOK;

WHEREAS, JOHN P. DAVIS' POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS TO RESPOND TO THE NEW DEAL LEGISLATION GREW WITH HIS EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE THE NEGRO INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE TO PRESSURE NEW DEAL AGENCIES TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS; AND

WHEREAS, JOHN P. DAVIS' LIFE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN SO MANY SPHERES MADE HIM TRULY ONE OF THIS CENTURY'S RENAISSANCE FIGURES WHOSE LIFE SHOULD BE HERALDED AS A ROLE MODEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THAT THIS RESOLUTION MAY BE CITED AS THE "JOHN P. DAVIS MEMORIAL RECOGNITION RESOLUTION OF 2005".

SEC. 2. THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RECOGNIZES AND HONORS THE WORK OF JOHN P. DAVIS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF HIS FELLOW CITIZENS.

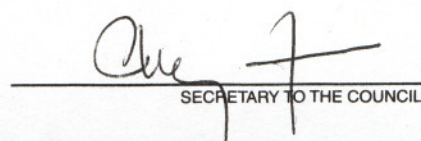
This resolution shall take effect immediately.


CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

I hereby Certify that this Resolution is true and adopted as stated herein.

Resolution Number: CER 16-74

Date: May 3, 2005


SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL