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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor the importance of Jazz music, and to declare April as “Jazz Appreciation Month” and April 30<sup>th</sup> as “International Jazz Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Jazz is a music genre that originated from African American communities during the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries;

WHEREAS, Jazz music has produced some of America’s most innovative artistry and has inspired countless other types of artists;

WHEREAS, the International Jazz Day brings together populations, schools, artists, historians, scholars, and jazz enthusiasts all over the world to celebrate and learn about jazz and its roots and future;

WHEREAS, International Jazz Day is the culmination of Jazz Appreciation Month, which draws public attention to jazz and its extraordinary heritage throughout April;

WHEREAS, Washington, D.C., has been named the International Jazz Day 2016 Global Host City. As International Jazz Day celebrates its 5th anniversary, the U.S. nation’s capital will host a multitude of jazz performances, community service initiatives,

36 and education programs in schools, libraries, hospitals, community centers and arts venues  
37 across the city;

38 WHEREAS, Washington, D.C., is the birthplace of the great jazz pianist and  
39 bandleader Duke Ellington, and the city has enjoyed a thriving jazz scene for the past  
40 century;

41 WHEREAS, on April 30, 2016, Washington, D.C., will join with towns, cities and  
42 villages in over 190 countries on all 7 continents to observe International Jazz Day through  
43 thousands of performances and programs;

44 WHEREAS, Jazz Appreciation Month honors the powerful role and influence women  
45 play in Jazz;

46 WHEREAS, Jazz Appreciation Month and International Jazz Day will honor the  
47 musicians and lovers of jazz from the past, and the musicians and lovers of jazz for the  
48 future;

49 RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
50 resolution may be cited as the “Jazz Appreciation Month and International Jazz Day  
51 Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2016.”

52 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and celebrates, the  
53 work of Douglas Moore, for his distinguished service and contributions to the District of  
54 Columbia.

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

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