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 30th as "International Jazz Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Jazz is a music genre that originated from African American communities during the late 19th and early 20th 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,
and education programs in schools, libraries, hospitals, community centers and arts venues across the city;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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