

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 7, 2017

To recognize, honor, and congratulate Mark Plotkin on the occasion of his 70th birthday, and to declare April 10, 2017, as “Mark Plotkin Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Mark Plotkin is a native of Chicago, and graduated from George Washington University in 1969 with a degree in American History;

WHEREAS, Mark Plotkin taught in public schools in Chicago and Washington, D.C. from 1969 through 1971;

WHEREAS, Mark Plotkin was an advance man and congressional district coordinator for the 1972 campaigns of Edmund Muskie, Eugene McCarthy, and George McGovern, served as deputy finance director for Morris Udall in 1976 and Ted Kennedy in 1980, and served as deputy finance director for the Gary Hart for President campaign in 1984;

WHEREAS, Mark Plotkin has been an active participant on the District’s political scene since the late 1960’s, and was twice elected to the D.C. Democratic State Committee, serving from 1984 to 1989;

WHEREAS, Mark Plotkin served from 1981 until 1985 as an elected member of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3B and chaired the commission for 2 years;

WHEREAS, Mark Plotkin played a decisive role in negotiating the return of the District’s city hall, the John A. Wilson Building, to city ownership in 1999, and the adoption of the new District of Columbia license plates bearing the slogan “Taxation without Representation”;

WHEREAS, Mark Plotkin was the prime mover of the Frederick Douglas statue being placed in the Visitor’s Center of the United States Capitol Building, where no prior representation existed;

WHEREAS, Mark Plotkin was a political commentator and analyst for WTOP Radio from 2002-2012, and, before coming to WTOP, he was with the Washington, D.C. NPR affiliate WAMU for 10 years;

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WHEREAS, Mark Plotkin is presently a contributor to the BBC on American politics, and a columnist for The Hill.com and the Georgetown; and

WHEREAS, Mark Plotkin was the 2011 recipient of the Edward R. Murrow award for excellence in writing, and, in 2014, the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from George Washington University.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Mark Plotkin Recognition Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia wishes Mark Plotkin a very happy 70th birthday, recognizes him for his stellar service to the residents of the District of Columbia and as a widely known and outspoken advocate of District self-governance and full congressional representation for District of Columbia residents in Congress, and declares April 10, 2017, as “Mark Plotkin Day” in the District of Columbia.

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