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14 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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18 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to providing equitable real property tax  
19 relief to certain real property owned by Mark Bezner and Kuniko Yasuda on Lot 0860,  
20 Square 777.

21 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
22 resolution may be cited as the "Bezner Real Property Tax Relief Emergency Declaration  
23 Resolution of 2014".  
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25 Sec. 2. (a) There is an immediate need to provide equitable real property tax relief to  
26 certain real property owned by Mark Bezner and Kuniko Yasuda on Lot 0860, Square 777, for  
27 the years 1991 through 2009.

28 (b) Lot 0860, Square 777, is a very tiny strip of land abutting a townhouse purchased by  
29 Mark Bezner and Kuniko Yasuda in 1991.

30 (c) Although this very tiny strip of land was included in the description of the property in  
31 the deed which conveyed the townhouse to them, the separate lot number was not set forth in the  
32 deed. Thus, the new owners had no knowledge that they owned the additional lot.

33 (d) Further complicating matters, this additional lot was incorrectly assessed for an  
34 exorbitant amount by Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) from 1991 – present leaving the owners  
35 with inflated taxes concomitant with the inflated and incorrect assessment.

36 (e) OTR's authority under current law allows corrections going back only three years.  
37 This bill grants OTR authority to make adjustments from 1991 – 2009 in order to prevent  
38 substantial injustice to the property owners.  
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40 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
41 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the  
42 Bezner Real Property Tax Relief Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2014 be adopted after a  
43 single reading.  
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45 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.