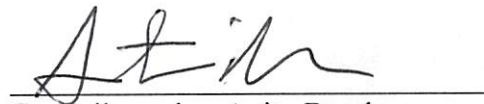



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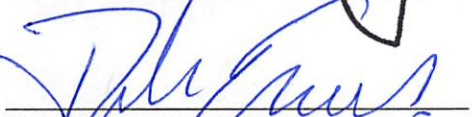

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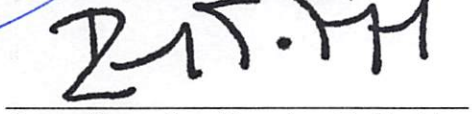

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25 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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28 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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30 To congratulate retired Rear Admiral Lawrence Cleveland "Larry" Chambers '52, USN,
31 on his eighty-ninth birthday, for his recent receipt of the United States Naval
32 Academy's Distinguished Graduate Award and to commemorate his significant
33 historical contributions to our country and the United States Navy.

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35 WHEREAS, Lawrence Cleveland "Larry" Chambers, a lifelong resident of the
36 District of Columbia, attended Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, where he participated
37 in the Junior ROTC program and graduated as the Commander of the Corps of Cadets
38 and Class Valedictorian in 1948;

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40 WHEREAS, Lawrence Cleveland "Larry" Chambers was encouraged to attend
41 the United States Naval Academy by his friend LCDR Wesley A. Brown, USN, (Ret.),
42 who was also a Dunbar High School Alum and the first African American graduate, in
43 1949, from the United States Naval Academy;

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44 WHEREAS, on Friday, June 6, 1952, Lawrence Cleveland "Larry" Chambers
45 graduated from the United States Naval Academy and was acknowledged as the first
46 African American graduate from the institution to attain flag rank;

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48 WHEREAS, Lawrence Cleveland "Larry" Chambers, and his younger brother, the
49 late Army Lieutenant General Andrew P. Chambers, USA, (Ret.) became the first
50 African American siblings to obtain flag rank in the United States Military;

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52 WHEREAS, Lawrence Cleveland "Larry" Chambers served in the Vietnam War
53 between 1968 and 1976, during which time he became the first African American to
54 command an aircraft carrier, the USS *Midway*, on which he made his well-publicized
55 decision to push overboard millions of dollars' worth of UH-1 Huey helicopters, so a
56 South Vietnamese Air Force Major and his wife and five children could land on the
57 aircraft carrier, thereby saving their lives;

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59 WHEREAS, Lawrence Cleveland "Larry" Chambers has received a myriad of
60 military awards and medals including: The Legion of Merit Award with two Gold Stars,
61 the Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal,
62 and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device;

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64 WHEREAS, Lawrence Cleveland "Larry" Chambers was recently awarded the
65 Naval Academy's Distinguished Graduate Award and is now recognized among a highly
66 revered group of Naval Academy Distinguished Graduate Awardees and as one of the
67 District's most valued residents;

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69 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that
70 this resolution may be cited as the "Rear Admiral Lawrence Cleveland "Larry"
71 Chambers, USN, (Ret.) Recognition Resolution of 2018".

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73 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates retired Rear
74 Admiral Lawrence Cleveland "Larry" Chambers, USN, (Ret.), for leading a life of
75 selfless and dedicated service, and recognizes him, on his eighty-ninth birthday, as a
76 significant military and historical figure in the District of Columbia.

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