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A RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 26, 1984

To express the support of the Council of the District of Columbia for legislative proposals to preserve, protect, and maintain the original boundary stones of the nation's capital.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Federal Legislation on the Original Boundary Stones in the District of Columbia Support Resolution of 1984".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia finds that:

(a) The 40 original boundary stones of the District of Columbia, set at 1-mile intervals delimiting the 10-mile square first set aside by the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia as the seat of government of the United States, are deteriorating and in need of the responsible care and protection of a public agency.

(b) These sandstone markers are now 192 years old and are Category II Landmarks designated by the Joint Committee on Landmarks of the National Capital.

(c) The markers are important testimonials to the history of the founding of the nation's capital, the work of Major Andrew Ellicott and Benjamin Banneker, and the history of early surveying and civil engineering in the United

States.

(d) The sandstone markers are now in a serious need of maintenance due to the debilitating effects of development, traffic, remote locations, and vandalism.

(e) There is a clear need to fix responsibility for protection and maintenance of the stones.

(f) The United States National Park Service is the logical governmental agency to have the responsibility for the preservation, protection, and maintenance of these boundary stones.

(g) On February 23, 1983, Senator Charles McC. Mathias of the State of Maryland introduced a bill (S.569) in the United States Senate, and on April 20, 1983, Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy of the District of Columbia introduced a bill (H.R. 2638) in the United States House of Representatives. These identical bills have as their purpose the preservation, protection, and maintenance of the original boundary stones of the nation's capital.

(h) On April 11, 1984, the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments adopted a resolution endorsing the passage of S.569 and H.R. 2638, and calling on all interested state and local jurisdictions to join in this endorsement.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia urges the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives to act expeditiously on this legislation and to approve S.569 and H.R. 2638.

Sec. 4. Upon adoption of this resolution by the

Council of the District of Columbia, the Secretary to the Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Chairman and ranking minority member of the United States Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands and Reserved Water, to the Chairman and ranking minority member of the United States House of Representatives Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks, to the Mayor of the District of Columbia, and to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.