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RESOLUTION ON STATEHOOD

Whereas, this nation is founded on the belief that all people are endowed with certain inalienable rights and that to secure these rights, governments are instituted, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; and

Whereas, the rights of the residents of the District of Columbia are abridged when the U.S. Congress imposes its will on local matters and denies us voting representation on federal issues in both houses of the U.S. Congress;

Whereas, the people of the District of Columbia are the only Americans who still bear all of the responsibilities of citizenship, but who do not enjoy all of the rights of citizenship, including local sovereignty and representation in both houses of Congress, making the District, in effect, a colony under Congressional jurisdiction; and

Whereas, statehood will ensure that residents of the District of Columbia enjoy full sovereign rights in local matters and voting representation in both houses of the U.S. Congress just like every other citizen of the United *States* of America, and is a matter of simple justice:

Therefore be it resolved that the Ward Three Democratic Committee urges the Mayor and Council of the District of Columbia to again petition Congress to use its powers under Article IV, Section 3 of the United States Constitution and admit the District of Columbia as the 51st State of the Union.