



## **District of Columbia Statehood Congressional Delegation**

U.S. Senator Paul Strauss  
U.S. Senator Michael D. Brown  
U.S. Representative Franklin Garcia

### **A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION**

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#### **TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF JERRY N. CLARK**

WHEREAS, Jerry N. Clark was a dedicated DC statehood advocate who was devoted to ending the disenfranchisement of District of Columbia residents. Mr. Clark was born on July 6, 1941 in Muncie, Indiana, but later called the District home as a resident of the Adams Morgan community for more than 40 years. He received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University, a law degree from the University of Chicago, and his doctorate in political science from the University of Minnesota.

WHEREAS, Jerry Clark moved to the District of Columbia in 1973 to work as a legal assistant at the U.S. Department of Justice under the U.S. Attorney General Elliot Richardson administration. Mr. Clark also worked at the United Mine Workers Health and Retirement Funds, ultimately serving as the executive director for the organization.

WHEREAS, As part of his statehood efforts, Mr. Clark served as the chairman of the D.C. Statehood Coalition, an organization formed in 2012 that comprises of organizations and individuals who work to achieve civil rights for the residents of the District of Columbia. Mr. Clark also served as the political director of D.C. for Democracy, as well as a board member of the local group Coalition to Stop Gun Violence.

WHEREAS, During his leadership in the movement, Mr. Clark organized lobbying efforts to support D.C. statehood, and worked towards gaining co-sponsors for the New Columbia Admission Act (H.R.317, S.1688).

WHEREAS, In addition to his DC statehood activism, Mr. Clark was also dedicated to establishing equal rights for gay, lesbian and transgender residents of the District. He was a member and co-chair for the board of directors of the National LGBTQ Task Force and was also a member of the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club. As a result of his great dedication to the LGBT community, Mr. Clark was awarded the D.C. Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance Distinguished

Service Award in 2014. Mr. Clark has also received numerous other awards and recognitions for his community involvement and activism.

RESOLVED, BY THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATEHOOD CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, that this Resolution recognizes and honors Jerry N. Clark for his exemplary leadership and selfless commitment to public service, presented on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016.

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