

**ANC 1C Resolution in Support of Designating the
2700 Block of Quarry Road as “Casilda Luna Way”**

WHEREAS, this Resolution celebrates Mrs. Casilda Luna, who is lovingly considered the “Abuelita” (Grandmother) of the District of Columbia Latinx community, who turns 93 on April 6th, and acknowledges Casilda Luna as a fervent pioneer in the development and advancement of the Washington, DC Latinx community:

WHEREAS, Casilda Luna immigrated to Washington, D.C. from the Dominican Republic fifty-seven years ago in 1962, and consistently and humbly faced challenges confronting Afro-Latina women and all immigrants by creating services where they were needed in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Casilda Luna, understanding the plight suffered by many members of the immigrant community, developed community programs and asserted herself as a leader who would combat the high level of suffering and discrimination faced by the Latinx and greater immigrant communities;

WHEREAS, within the first six years of her arrival to the United States, Casilda Luna became a social worker and was the Latinx Community Liaison for CHANGE INC, a community-non-profit organization that provided services for low-income residents of the District of Columbia, where she was able to assist thousands of D.C. residents seeking badly needed services;

WHEREAS, Casilda Luna has played a key role in the establishment of many community agencies and organizations, including Educational Opportunities For Latin Americans (EOFULA) which is now in its 50th year and known as VIDA Senior Center, The Hispanic Festival, the Latin American Youth Center (also in its 50th year), Latina Women In Action, the Imperial Tenants Association and the Mayor’s Office on Latino Affairs;

WHEREAS, renaming the street adjacent to the Plaza West Coop in Ward 1 after Casilda Luna serves an act that will uplift local women of color and immigrants;

WHEREAS, the 2700 block of Quarry Road, between Columbia Road and Lanier Place Northwest, in Washington, DC, is located within the boundaries of ANC1C-06 in Adams Morgan;

WHEREAS, the 2700 block of Quarry Road, between Columbia Road and Lanier Place Northwest, in Washington, DC, has been Casilda Luna’s home for many years;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC1C supports the ceremonial renaming of the 2700 block of Quarry Road, between Columbia Road and Lanier Place Northwest, in Washington, DC, as Casilda Luna Way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, ANC1C recommends to the Council of the District of Columbia to designate the 2700 block of Quarry Road, NW, between Columbia Road and Lanier Place Northwest, as Casilda Luna Way.