

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**2007 Legislative Session**Resolution No. CR-40-2007Proposed by Council Member HarringtonIntroduced by Council Members Harrington, Turner, Dean, Olson, Bland, Knotts,
Campos, Dernoga and ExumDate of Introduction June 12, 2007**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007

3 For the purpose of expressing the County Council's support of proposed legislation to allow
4 voting representation in the United States House of Representatives for the District of Columbia.5 WHEREAS, in recent years, there have been several efforts to secure voting representation
6 in Congress for the residents of the District of Columbia; and7 WHEREAS, in the 109th Congress, the District of Columbia Fair and Equal House Voting
8 Rights Act of 2006 (H.R. 5388) was co-sponsored by bi-partisan members of the National
9 Capital Region Congressional Delegation and was favorably reported by the Committee on
10 Government Reform, however, no action was taken by the U.S. House of Representatives or U.S.
11 Senate; and12 WHEREAS, in the 110th Congress, the District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of
13 2007 has again been co-sponsored by bi-partisan members of the National Capital Region
14 Congressional Delegation, and which defines the District of Columbia as a Congressional
15 District for purposes of voting representation in the U.S. House of Representatives; and16 WHEREAS, H.R. 1905 was introduced by Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton and members
17 of the National Capital Region Congressional Delegation, and others, as the District of Columbia
18 House Voting Rights Act of 2007 on April 18, 2007, passed the U.S. House of Representatives
19 on April 19, 2007, and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Finance, to provide voting
20 representation in the U.S. House of Representatives for the District of Columbia and shall be the
21 legislative vehicle to advance this effort in the 110th Congress; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Council agrees with the bipartisan sponsors of
2 legislation supporting voting representation in the U.S. House of Representatives for the District
3 of Columbia, that

- 4 • Over half a million people living in the District of Columbia, the capital of our
5 democratic Nation, lack direct voting representation in the U.S. House of
6 representatives and U.S. Senate;
- 7 • District of Columbia residents have fought and died to defend our democracy in
8 every war since the War of Independence;
- 9 • District of Columbia residents pay billions of dollars in Federal taxes each year;
- 10 • Our Nation is founded on the principles of ‘one person, one vote’ and ‘government
11 by the consent of the governed’; and

12 WHEREAS, the County Council believes that this legislation, with its bipartisan support
13 and with its maintenance of the current partisan balance in the U.S. House of Representatives,
14 offers Members of Congress an opportunity to support voting representation in the U.S. House of
15 Representatives for residents of the District of Columbia; and

16 WHEREAS, development and advocacy of positions on behalf of the National Capital
17 Region will be enhanced by the opportunity for voting representation in the U.S. House of
18 Representatives for the District of Columbia.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George’s
20 County, Maryland, that the Prince George’s County Council supports legislation establishing
21 voting representation in the U.S. House of Representatives for the District of Columbia.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council shall forward a copy of this
23 Resolution to each member of the Maryland Congressional Delegation.

Adopted this 12th day of June, 2007.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Camille A. Exum
Chair

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council