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RESOLUTION REGARDING HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR 3101 ALBEMARLE STREET NW
March 21, 2017

WHEREAS, a Historic Preservation Application has been submitted to the DC Historic Preservation Review Board for landmark designation for the house and some of the property at 3101 Albemarle street NW; and

WHEREAS, in 1926, prolific DC builder Howard Fulmer hired well known DC architect John A. Weber to design 3101 for his wife Katie Fulmer and the 10,000-square-foot stone house—sitting high on a hill among mature trees and overlooking the entrance to Soapstone Valley and Rock Creek Park—is often called the “gateway to Forest Hills.”; and

WHEREAS, the residence was occupied from 1979 to 1981 by Romuald Spasowski, former Polish Ambassador to the U.S., the highest-ranking Communist official to ever defect to the West and his defection played a crucial role in the rise of resistance in Poland, and the subsequent collapse of the USSR; and

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan cited the Spasowski defection as a major factor shaping his Administration’s new—and ultimately victorious— “roll back the Iron Curtain and destroy the USSR” strategy; and

WHEREAS, the house is both a historical artifact and a living symbol of this momentous time in our history. Wide recognition of the significance of the events that took place in the house as evidenced by current studies by researchers at the Hoover Institution at Stanford, the world’s leading library and archive on the Cold War, as well as at Oxford University, the U.S. Holocaust Museum, the National Archives, the Reagan Presidential Library, George H. W. Bush Presidential Library, Vanderbilt Broadcast News Archives, and the Library of Congress; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Forest Hills neighbors has purchased the house from the Polish People’s Republic and wishes to preserve the house;

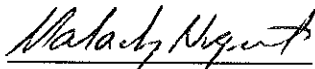
WHEREAS ANC 3F recognizes this property’s unique role in contributing to the broad patterns of our history and has evaluated this application on its own individual merits;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 3F officially supports the application for landmark designation of 3101 Albemarle Street as the property possess the following qualities that makes it eligible for historic designation:

- (a) Events: It is the site of events that contributed significantly to the heritage, culture or development of the District of Columbia or the nation; and
- (b) Individuals: It is associated with the lives of persons significant to the history of the District of Columbia or the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Commissioners Malachy Nugent and Naomi Rutenberg are authorized to speak on behalf of ANC 3F regarding this matter.

ANC 3F APPROVED this resolution at its meeting on March 21, 2017, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.



Malachy Nugent
Chair, ANC 3F