

RESOLUTION NO. 2224

WHEREAS, residents of the District of Columbia currently have no vote in Congress; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2007, the United States House of Representatives passed H. R. 1905, which would give Washingtonians a voting member of Congress for the first time in over 200 years; and

WHEREAS, this legislation is not expected to change the partisan balance of the House, since it pairs a seat for traditionally Democratic Washington, D.C., with an additional seat for Republican-leaning Utah; and

WHEREAS, this legislation has bipartisan support, its two strongest proponents being Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (Democrat, District of Columbia) and Congressman Tom Davis (Republican, Fairfax County); and

WHEREAS, this legislation now goes to the United States Senate for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria believes that all Americans should be represented in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, without enactment of this legislation, District of Columbia residents will continue to lack representation on the floor of the House of Representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alexandria City Council express its support for full voting rights in the House of Representatives for a Representative of the District of Columbia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council requests that Senator John W. Warner and Senator James Webb support this legislation and President George W. Bush sign it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to President George W. Bush, Senator John W. Warner and Senator James Webb, to apprise them of the City's position.

ADOPTED: April 24, 2007



WILLIAM D. EUILLE

MAYOR



Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC

City Clerk

orals
4-24-07



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04/24/2007 02:38 PM

To <Bernard.Caton@alexandriava.gov>, <alexvamayor@aol.com>, <delpepper@aol.com>, <Council@Krupicka.com>, <Macdonaldcouncil@msn.com>, <PaulCSmedberg@aol.com>, cc <Michele.Evans@alexandriava.gov>, <Jackie.Henderson@alexandriava.gov>, <jim.hartmann@alexandriava.gov>, bcc

Subject FYI Re: DC voting rights

Colleagues:

The following provides some background on the above resolution I'll offer during orals. Again, please feel free to call with any questions or suggestions.

Regards,

Ludwig

Ludwig P. Gaines
City Council Member
City of Alexandria, Virginia
703.328.7526

The DC Voting Rights Act

What Does It Do?

- The bill permanently expands the House of Representatives from 435 to 437 seats.
- It eliminates the DC Delegate position and gives the city a Representative in the House. A special election would be held to fill the seat.
- It also adds a seat to the next state in line to gain a Representative based on U.S. Census numbers. That currently is Utah. That seat would be at-large until 2012, when House seats are reapportioned based on the Census. That representative would also be chosen in a special election.
- The new representatives would take their seats during the current Congress.

What's Next

- Approved by the House, it moves to the Senate.

DC Voting Rights Act's full text of the Act can be found at

<http://www.dcvote.org/advocacy/material.cfm?legID=52>

Resources on DC vote:

www.DCvote.org - includes news and scholarly articles.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/04/23/AR2007042301816.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/04/20/washington/20vote.html>

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-----Original Message-----

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timothylovain@aol.com
Cc: Michele.Evans@alexandriava.gov; Jackie.Henderson@alexandriava.gov;
jim.hartmann@alexandriava.gov; mark.jinks@alexandriava.gov
Sent: Fri, 20 Apr 2007 3:05 PM
Subject: Fw: DC voting rights

Councilman Gaines has asked that I forward you the attached resolution in support of DC representation in the House of Representatives. I believe he plans to bring it up at the April 24 Council meeting during orals, since it is too late to docket it.

(See attached file: resolution.DCvote.doc)

----- Forwarded by Bernard Caton/Alex on 04/20/2007 12:33 PM -----

councilmangaines@
aol.com

04/20/2007 12:33
PM

To
Bernard.Caton@alexandriava.gov
cc

Subject
Re: DC voting rights

Bernie:

This is perfect. Would you please circulate it to the Mayor and rest of Council and City Clerk? I'd appreciate if when you forward it you'd make note that you are doing so at my request. I'd like them to know its coming from me.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

Ludwig

Ludwig P. Gaines
City Council Member
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-----Original Message-----

From: Bernard.Caton@alexandriava.gov

To: councilmangaines@aol.com

Sent: Fri, 20 Apr 2007 10:42 AM

Subject: Re: Fwd: DC voting rights

Here is a draft resolution.
(See attached file: resolution.DCvote.doc)

councilmangaines@
aol.com

04/20/2007 09:55
AM

To
Bernard.Caton@alexandriava.gov
cc

Subject
Fwd: DC voting rights

Bernie:

See below...the mayor has given it the go ahead. Let's shoot for this Tuesday, and not May. I can work on the language, but it won't likely get

done until tomorrow at the earliest. Do you want to take a crack at it...just let me know and we'll work it out. I can send a heads up e-mail to my colleagues in the interim.

Thanks for your assistance.

Ludwig

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From: Alexvamayor@aol.com
To: Councilmangaines@aol.com
Sent: Thu, 19 Apr 2007 3:42 PM
Subject: Re: DC voting rights

Ludwig:

The Mayor says "OK, go ahead". (referring to DC voting rights resolution)

Claudia Waller
Aide to Mayor Euille

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