

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



Resolution in Honor of Commissioner Judith Havemann

On behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3A established by the DC Council in 2022 to serve the neighborhoods of Cathedral Heights, Cathedral Commons, McLean Gardens, North Cleveland Park, Berkshire-Greenbriar, Westover and Nebraska Avenue from Ward Circle to Tenley Circle, the Commissioners of ANC 3A present this resolution to recognize the work of our colleague, Judith (“Judy”) Havemann, as the first elected Commissioner of Single Member District 3A02 in ANC 3A from its establishment in January 2023 through her death on July 28, 2024.

Commissioner Havemann was the first person to step forward to stand for election in the new ANC3A02, running as a write-in candidate in the General Election of November 8, 2022, after she became aware that no one had registered to run for that seat to represent residents in her neighborhood in Cathedral Heights.

She was persistent in her commitment to listening to concerns, providing useful and reliable information, and giving a voice to her constituents on District policies and services. Throughout her time serving on the ANC, Commissioner Havemann was a fierce advocate for efficient, effective, responsive government services for residents.

In the last weeks of her life, she worked hard to get information to her constituents about the WMATA proposal to reconfigure and rename all local bus routes as part of the Better Bus initiative, proposing development of a fact sheet and survey particularly designed for residents living in apartments and condominiums on Wisconsin Avenue and Massachusetts Avenue in her Single Member District. Her service was valued and it made a difference.

Commissioner Havemann had previously worked for more than 35 years as a journalist, beginning at newspapers in the Midwest and then getting a position at The Washington Post as a reporter, where she worked for 33 years. She served as Virginia editor; Maryland editor on the Metro desk; a reporter on the national desk covering domestic policy, health and welfare; deputy national editor; a Post contributor from Europe for three years in the 1990s, while her husband Joel Havemann was a foreign correspondent for the Los Angeles Times; director of newsroom recruiting; and editor of the Post’s Food section.

Her memorable pieces in the Post included reports on the nationwide shortage of iceberg lettuce in 1973, coverage of federal workers as one of the key parts of the region’s population and economy, and the renowned “Cookie issue” full of special recipes, which the Post issued annually approaching the holiday baking season.

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During her time at the Post, she spent a year at Harvard University on a Nieman Fellowship for journalists.

From her perceptive judgment and wonderful way with people, she was able to bring dozens of excellent journalists to The Washington Post and mentor countless younger reporters. As former Post political reporter Dan Balz noted, “She was a delightful colleague. Everyone loved working with her.” She assisted many people in developing their careers, including women entering the field of journalism at a time when women were earning an increasing share of the jobs with U.S. newspapers and other media and competing to get equitable assignments, salaries, and positions of responsibility.

After taking a buyout from the Post in 2006, she worked for several years as an editor of the *Wilson Quarterly*, a journal published by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. Subsequently she was Director of Public Affairs for the National Endowment for the Humanities and also taught journalism at the University of Maryland College Park.

Commissioner Havemann celebrated her 80th birthday at a gathering with 150 friends and family members on June 22, 2024, at the historic Lincoln Cottage on the grounds with the Armed Forces Retirement Home on Rock Creek Church Road in NW Washington.

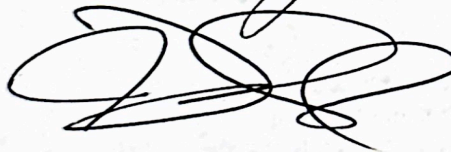
Judy will be missed by her family, friends, and neighbors, who deeply appreciated her spirit, intelligence, initiative, devotion, sense of humor, and caring.

We were glad to know her and get to serve with her. Thanks to Judy from your ANC colleagues.

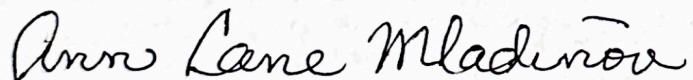
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This resolution was approved by the Commission by a vote of 3 - 0 at its duly noticed public meeting on September 17, 2024, at which a quorum was present. (Two of the three sitting Commissioners make a quorum.)