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Nyasha Smith, Secretary
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 5
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Secretary Smith,

Today, I am introducing the "Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2021". Please find enclosed a signed copy of the legislation.

This bill designates the park subsection of Francis Field, bound on the east by 25th Street N.W., on the west by the fence surrounding the athletic field, on the north by the concrete walkway into the athletic field's north gate, and on the south by the loading dock driveway for the building located at 2501 M Street N.W., in Ward 2, as Rebecca Coder Park.

Commissioner Rebecca Coder served as a community activist until her passing on May 1, 2018, at the age of 49, after a long battle with cancer. Commissioner Coder was a founder and first president of the Friends of Francis Field and subsequently was also an ANC 2A Commissioner for ten years. As both a member and chair of ANC 2A, she helped to launch a new era of intelligence and civility into local government.

This bill memorializes her successful efforts to provide passive recreation space in the West End neighborhood, specifically the portion of Francis Field that is now a small pleasant park area, where neighbors can walk dogs, sit on benches, and enjoy this small but welcoming outdoor space, created in 2009 under her leadership.

Should you have any questions about this legislation, please contact my Legislative Director, Barry Weise, at bweise@dccouncil.us.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BE PINTO".

Brooke Pinto