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27 A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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31 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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37 To declare the sense of the Council that the 2011 National Hockey League's Winter Classic  
38 should be played in the District of Columbia.  
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40 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
41 resolution may be cited as the "Sense of the Council that the District of Columbia should host the  
42 4th Annual NHL Winter Classic"

1           Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

2           (a) Hosting the National Hockey League's Winter Classic would be most advantageous  
3           for the District of Columbia.

4           (b) According to reports in the Boston Globe, the District is being strongly considered to  
5           host the 2011 National Hockey League Winter Classic hockey game.

6           (c) The District of Columbia is the best city to host the Winter Classic because it is our  
7           nation's capital, a world renowned city, a historic city, and a city with a strong  
8           hockey fan base.

9           (d) The District of Columbia provides countless sightseeing and nightlife opportunities  
10           for Winter Classic spectator-tourists. The District of Columbia is home to some of  
11           world's the most visited landmarks.

12           (e) According to the Boston Chamber of Commerce, the 2010 Winter Classic hockey  
13           game generated nearly 36 million dollars for the city of Boston.

14           (f) According to an online National Broadcasting Company Washington Sports poll;  
15           89% of those that cast a vote were in favor of the District hosting the 2011 Winter  
16           Classic.

17           (g) Alex Ovechkin, arguably the worlds's best and the National Hockey League's most  
18           illustrious player and the reigning two-time MVP, plays for the Washington Capitals.

19           (h) The Washington Capitals currently have the highest attendance rating in the National  
20           Hockey League. The Washington Capitals regularly experience sellout crowds  
21           exceeding 18,000 spectators.

- 1 (j) The Washington Capitals are regarded as a favorite in 2009-2010 to win the Stanley  
2 Cup Championship.
- 3 (k) The District of Columbia currently has two ideal venues to host the game, RFK  
4 Stadium and Nationals Park.
- 5 (l) The District can accommodate the largest crowd in the history of the Winter Classic.  
6 Nationals Park has a capacity of 41,888. RFK Stadium has a capacity of 46,000.
- 7 (m) Fenway Park's capacity for baseball is 36,301. Last year's sold-out attendance for  
8 the Winter Classic at Fenway Park was 38,112. The District can easily top this  
9 attendance due to its larger venues.
- 10 (n) 307,000 people applied for premium tickets through a lottery system for the 2010  
11 Winter Classic, and more than 4.4 million American viewers watched the game in  
12 2010.
- 13 (o) In 2009, the Winter Classic hosted at Chicago's Wrigley Field boosted a 2.9  
14 overnight television rating (exceeding some college bowl games held on the same day  
15 January 1, 2009)
- 16 (p) The National Broadcasting Company has exclusive television rights to the game, thus  
17 the District will receive further national exposure.
- 18 (q) An issue the National Hockey League reserves in selecting a host city is whether fans  
19 and tourists will be able to easily commute to the game; the Metro is highly  
20 accessible for the game, with Metro stations located at both potential sites.
- 21 (r) Reagan National Airport provides easy accessibility for spectators traveling to the

1 (s) Cities with winter climates are preferred. This winter shows that the District of  
2 Columbia has a winter climate that compares with any other city in the Northeast.

3 Sec. 3. For those reasons, it is the Sense of the Council of the District of Columbia that  
4 the National Hockey League should hold its 2011 Winter Classic hockey game in the District of  
5 Columbia.

6 Sec. 4. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution,  
7 upon its adoption, to the National Hockey League.

8 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in  
9 the District of Columbia register.