Designating the 2700 Block of Quarry Road "Casilda Luna Way"

Resolved, that ANC 1D supports the ceremonial renaming of the 2700 block of Quarry Road Northwest, between Columbia Road and Lanier Place Northwest, as Casilda Luna Way and recommends the Council of the District of Columbia designate the block as such.

Why: Mount Pleasant has long been home to a vibrant Latinx community. Casilda Luna, who immigrated to Washington, D.C. from the Dominican Republic in 1962, is considered the "Abuelita" (Grandmother) of the District of Columbia Latinx community for her pioneering work on the community's development and advancement. In addition to serving as a social worker, Casilda Luna played a key role in the founding of many community agencies and organizations, many of which served and continue to serve Mount Pleasant residents. These include the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs, The Hispanic Festival, the Latin American Youth Center, VIDA Senior Center, Latina Women In Action, and the Imperial Tenants Association. Casilda Luna has lived on the 2700 block of Quarry Road Northwest for many years, and the ceremonial renaming of the block would help to draw deserved attention to her legacy and impact.

Resolution passed, 4 to 0 vote, at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on July 23, 2019, with a quorum present. Voting “yes”: Commissioners Romero-Latin, McKay, Sandenburgh, Allinger. A quorum for this commission is three; four commissioners were present.

Jack McKay, Secretary, ANC1D