

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF FREDERICK
DOUGLASS, ESQUIRE, AN ABOLITIONIST AND NATIONAL LEADER OF THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY**

WHEREAS, the Honorable Frederick Douglass, Esquire, was born a slave in Maryland in 1817, and, after escaping to the North to eventual emancipation, became an abolitionist and a national leader of the Republican Party following its establishment in 1854; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Douglass during the Civil War successfully urged President Abraham Lincoln and Congress to emancipate the 3,000 slaves held in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, after moving from New York, Frederick Douglass became a permanent resident of the nation's capital in 1870 and accepted a seat on the Republican Committee of the District of Columbia, serving concurrently as a precinct captain until his death in 1895; and

WHEREAS, the public service of Frederick Douglass included appointments to a seat in the upper chamber of the Territorial Legislature of the District of Columbia, offices of United States Marshall and Recorder of Deeds for the District, and as U. S. Minister to Haiti; and

WHEREAS, Republican Congressional leaders supported legislation enacted in the 112th Congress authorizing the Government of the District of Columbia to place a statue of Frederick Douglass in the Capitol of the United States of America; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Members of the Republican National Committee express their deep appreciation to Frederick Douglass for his lifetime devoted to advancing liberty and justice for all Americans, including those residing in the District of Columbia, our nation's capital.