

PROCLAMATION

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DUKE ELLINGTON MONTH

APRIL 1987

BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, the month of April 1987 has been designated as *Duke Ellington Month* in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Edward Kennedy “Duke” Ellington was born in the District of Columbia and went on to become one of the most talented American composers of this century; and

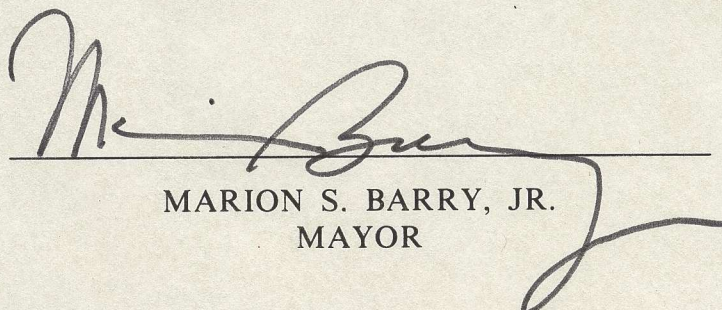
WHEREAS, during his long career, he remained committed to the most rigorous standards of artistic excellence, yet always managed to incorporate an unstudied joy in all of his compositions; and

WHEREAS, this musical genius’ creations have taken their rightful place as masterpieces in the American classical idiom, an art form which is universally recognized as “jazz”; and

WHEREAS, Duke Ellington has left us a mighty legacy consisting of numerous songs, anthems, and sophisticated arrangements of other composers’ works, as well as longer pieces which embody his sense of racial pride, humility before God, and joy in the multitudinous sounds of life:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim April 1987 as “DUKE ELLINGTON MONTH” in Washington, D.C., and call upon all the residents of this great city to join with me in saluting this truly remarkable and talented man of this capital city and share in the celebration of our Duke Ellington.




MARION S. BARRY, JR.
MAYOR