

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**UDC Resolution 2017 - 01**

**SUBJECT: Conferral of Honorary Degree upon Dorie Ann Ladner, Civil Rights Activist**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to D.C. Code §38-1202.06(3), the Board of Trustees has authority to award degrees and to establish policy with respect to the award of degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 8B DCMR §315.2, the President, upon consultation with the Faculty Senate, has recommended that Dorie Ann Ladner be awarded an honorary degree for her significant accomplishments over 50 years as an advocate for social justice and equality; for her contributions on the local, state, and national levels of Civil Rights activism, including registering disenfranchised Black voters, integrating segregated facilities, co-founding the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), which was an amalgamation of local NAACP, CORE, SNCC, and SCLC organizations in Clarksdale, Mississippi; for her leadership as well as participant roles in some of the seminal Civil Rights demonstrations during the 1960s, including the March on Washington in 1963, the Selma to Montgomery March of 1965 and the Poor People's March in 1968; and for her continued commitment to improving the lives and conditions of her fellow citizens through 30 years as a social worker in Washington, DC, and on-going activism and advocacy for civil rights and peace; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 8B DCMR §315.3, the Board of Trustees must approve the recommendation of Dorie Ann Ladner by an affirmative vote of three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the members present at the meeting of the Board following the meeting at which the recommendation was made;


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby approves the recommendation of the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, with all the honors, privileges, and duties pertaining thereto.

Submitted by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee:

February 2, 2017

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

February 22, 2017

  
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Elaine A. Crider  
Chairperson of the Board