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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To designate the cherry as the official fruit of the District of Columbia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Official Fruit of the District of Columbia Act of 2006".

Sec. 2. (a) Twenty-six states have an official fruit, 2 of which picked their official fruit based on suggestions from children.

(b) Washington, D.C. is named in honor of our first president, George Washington, who is symbolically associated with the cherry because of the well-known tale of the president, as a child, and a certain cherry tree, the moral of which was the importance of honesty.

(c) Every year, the District of Columbia holds the Cherry Blossom Festival, which includes a parade and other events celebrating the beauty of the cherry tree and the original gift, in 1912, of 3,000 cherry trees from the city of Tokyo to the people of Washington, D.C.

(d) Washington, D.C. is more closely associated with the cherry than any other fruit.

(e) The matter of an official fruit was studied by the students in Mr. Bunton's class at Bowen Elementary School, and they proposed that the cherry be named the official fruit of the District of Columbia.

(f) The District of Columbia Board of Education supports the students.

(g) The cherry is hereby designated the official fruit of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

This act has no fiscal impact.

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

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24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia