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Councilmember Bowser's Introductions at Legislative Meeting

(Washington, DC) – Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs, at today's legislative meeting introduced the *Boards and Commissions Review Amendment Act of 2009* and co-introduced the *Veterans License Plates Establishment Act of 2009*.

The *Boards and Commissions Review Amendment Act of 2009* is legislation that will require an annual Comprehensive report of all of the District of Columbia's Boards and Commissions; this comprehensive report will describe each Board's function, composition and cost to the city. The Executive office of the Mayor's Office of Boards and Commissions will compile the report. A less comprehensive report is due to the Council within 60 days; however, the first comprehensive report will be due to the Council of the District of Columbia February 2010. This legislation will provide the City Council and the executive Office of the Mayor with a better understanding of the current state of the City's Boards and Commissions functions and needs. This measure was co-sponsored by

"This legislation will provide a better understating of the roles and responsibilities of each Board and Commission," said Councilmember Bowser. The required comprehensive report will determine the effectiveness of each Board and Commission and ensure that they are not obsolete, duplicated."

The *Veterans License Plates Establishment Act of 2009* would honor District of Columbia Veterans by giving them the option of obtaining a Veterans license plate. This legislation would align the District of Columbia with nearly all other states that allow their Veterans to obtain Veterans plates. Additionally, this legislation will increase Veterans funding through fees collected from the purchase of the plates. This

"I am pleased to co-sponsor legislation that will honor our Veterans who have served our country, by allowing them the opportunity to obtain Veterans License Plates," said Councilmember Bowser. Over 39,000 Veterans in the District of Columbia will have an opportunity to purchase Veterans Plates. The Veterans office could see \$25,000 to \$50,000 in increased revenue from this measure."

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