OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Proclamation

ADOLF CLUSS YEAR
JULY 2005 – JUNE 2006

WHEREAS, a hundred years ago, Adolf Cluss, FAIA, architect and engineer died and public exhibitions about his life and work will open at the Charles Sumner School Museum in Washington, DC and at the Stadtarchiv in his hometown of Heilbronn, Germany in September 2005; and

WHEREAS, these exhibitions will recognize the extraordinary contributions that Adolf Cluss made at a crucial time in the shaping of this city as a modern capital city worthy of a republic; and

WHEREAS, Adolf Cluss made Washington, DC his home from 1849 until his death on July 24, 1905, and was responsible for designing about seventy buildings for public government and private use with three prominent city-owned buildings which include Eastern Market, the Franklin and Sumner Schools, with the Franklin School being designated a National Historic Landmark by the United States Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, through his design of internationally recognized and innovative buildings for public schools, Adolf Cluss encouraged the City of Washington to become active and engaged citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim July 2005 – June 2006, as "ADOLF CLUSS YEAR" in Washington, DC, and call upon all the residents of this great city to recognize this distinguished gentleman for his vision of creating and sustaining the architectural heritage of this city.

Anthony A. Williams
Mayor, District of Columbia