



Councilmember Charles Allen

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor Mount Carmel Baptist Church on the occasion of their 140th anniversary.

WHEREAS, Mount Carmel Baptist Church ("Mount Carmel") is celebrating the journey to 140 years of community welfare and ministerial services;

WHEREAS, Mount Carmel was organized in 1876 by 275 former members of Second Baptist Church;

WHEREAS, in 1914, during the pastorate of the late Reverend Dr. William Henry Jernigan, the Mount Carmel congregation marched from 4th and L Streets, N.W. to 901 3rd Street, N.W. where it has remained;

WHEREAS, Mount Carmel has had 10 Pastors during its history;

WHEREAS, from 1876 to 1892, Mount Carmel was served by 4 pastors: Reverend J.W. Rhone, Reverend H. Plummer, Reverend S.G. Lampkins, and Reverend G. Gray;

WHEREAS, from 1892 to 1912, Mount Carmel was pastored by Reverend W.P. Gibbons;

WHEREAS, from 1912 to 1958, Mount Carmel was pastored by Reverend Dr. Williams H. Jernigan, and through his leadership, Mount Carmel received national and international recognition for its many accomplishments and several creations of institutions;

WHEREAS, from 1959 to 1986, Mount Carmel was pastored by Reverend Rossie L. Patterson;

31 WHEREAS, from 1987 to 1993, Mount Carmel was pastored by Reverend Albert
32 Gallmon, Jr., and through his leadership, Mount Carmel had its first female ordained minister,
33 Reverend Lesa D. Cheatham, serve and also had its first salaried assistant pastor, Reverend
34 Ernest A. Hickerson;

35 WHEREAS, from 1993 to 1995, Mount Carmel was operated under the leadership of
36 Reverend Ernest A. Hickerson and the Board of Senior Deacons;

37 WHEREAS, from 1995 to 1996, Mount Carmel was served by an interim pastor,
38 Reverend Dr. Charles W. Green;

39 WHEREAS, from 1996 to 2000, Mount Carmel was pastored by Reverend Dr. Albert A.
40 Avant, Jr., and through his leadership, Mount Carmel was restructured into six ministries and
41 departments;

42 WHEREAS, from 2001 to the present, Mount Carmel Baptist Church has been pastored
43 by Reverend Dr. Joseph Norman Evans, and through his leadership, Mount Carmel has
44 developed an economic partnership with MQW, Quadrangle, and the Wilkes Company;

45 WHEREAS, from 2011 to the present, Reverend Dr. Joseph Norman Evans also serves as
46 Chairman of the Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District; and

47 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Joseph Norman Evans envisions Mount Carmel as a center
48 seat at the negotiation tables for further investments in employment for local residents and other
49 regional economic opportunities.

50 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
51 resolution may be cited as the "Mount Carmel Baptist Church 140th Anniversary Recognition
52 Resolution of 2016".

53 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes Mount Carmel Baptist Church
54 and all its pastors for their many contributions to the community welfare and ministerial services
55 in the Mount Vernon Triangle community over the past 140 years.

56 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
57 the District of Columbia Register.