

Councilmember Kenyan R. McDuffie

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor Bishop Michael V. Kelsey, Sr., the Senior Pastor of New Samaritan Baptist Church on the occasion of his 25th pastoral anniversary for his commitment, dedication, and service to District residents.

WHEREAS, Bishop Michael V. Kelsey, Sr., is a native Washingtonian and grew up in the Edgewood community of Ward 5;

WHEREAS, Bishop Michael V. Kelsey, Sr., attended both Noyes Elementary School and Langley Junior High School, and graduated from McKinley Technology High School in 1974;

WHEREAS, Bishop Michael V. Kelsey, Sr., received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland, College Park;

WHEREAS, Bishop Michael V. Kelsey, Sr., received his formal theological training at Virginia Union University School of Theology in Richmond, Virginia and earned a Master of Divinity degree, graduating magna cum laude;

WHEREAS, Bishop Michael V. Kelsey, Sr., also received and earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio;

WHEREAS, Bishop Michael V. Kelsey, Sr., has served as the Senior Pastor of the New Samaritan Baptist Church since 1993;

WHEREAS, Bishop Michael V. Kelsey Sr., is the founder and CEO of Michael V. Kelsey Ministries, teaching Christian principles in Ghana, Liberia, Ukraine, Israel, Cuba, England, Germany, Jamaica, El Salvador, and Ecuador;

WHEREAS, Bishop Michael V. Kelsey, Sr., served as a member of Gallaudet University's Gallaudet Community Relations Council, which is made up of business and community leaders from the surrounding Northeast DC area;

WHEREAS, Bishop Michael V. Kelsey, Sr., worked closely with city officials on issues of crime prevention and economic development in Ward 5;

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48 WHEREAS, Bishop Michael V. Kelsey, Sr., was appointed by Mayor Anthony Williams  
49 to the Mayor's Interfaith Council of Washington, DC where he served as the Chair;

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51 WHEREAS, Bishop Michael V. Kelsey, Sr., was regularly invited by the Obama  
52 Administration to participate in significant White House briefings; and

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54 WHEREAS, Bishop Michael V. Kelsey, Sr., married Sheila Bowens more than 35 years  
55 ago and is the father to Michael Jr., Kevin, Eric, and daughter-in-law Ashley, and grandfather to  
56 Ava, Michael III, and Jackson.

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58 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this  
59 resolution may be cited as the "Bishop Michael V. Kelsey, Sr. 25th Anniversary Recognition  
60 Resolution of 2018".

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62 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Bishop Michael  
63 V. Kelsey, Sr., the Senior Pastor of New Samaritan Baptist Church, and celebrates his 25th  
64 Pastoral Anniversary.

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