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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 25, 2019

To recognize and honor Mt. Zion Baptist Church and Reverend Dr. John W. Davis for their commitment, dedication, and service to the residents of Ward 4 and the District of Columbia, and to celebrate the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and the 38<sup>th</sup> Pastoral anniversary of Reverend Dr. John W. Davis.

WHEREAS, in May of 1968 the late Reverend Richard A. Carroll, along with his wife Dorothy R. Carroll, Chris Jones, Gertrude Thompson, Robert Gray, Dorothy Gray and Peggy, came together with the idea of starting a church which gave fruition to what is now Mt. Zion Baptist Church;

WHEREAS, in late 1968 the Recognition Council of the Baptist Ministers Conference recognized the official Mt. Zion Baptist Church on 13<sup>th</sup> and Ingraham NW;

WHEREAS, one year after the founding of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, in May of 1969, the church moved to 5101 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, which remains the churches location today;

WHEREAS, in 1976 Reverend Eugene M. Pearson became Mt. Zion Baptist Church's second pastor, a role he served in for 3 years;

WHEREAS, in June of 1981, Reverend John W. Davis was elected to the 3rd pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and remains the church's pastor to this day, 38 years after he first became the church's pastor;

WHEREAS, Reverend John W. Davis was ordained at Mount Zion Baptist Church in 1976 and graduated from Washington Baptist Seminary in 1977 where he served as Student Council President for three years, graduated from Lynchburg Bible College in 1979, and earned his Bachelor of Bible Theology degree from the International Bible Institute and Seminary in 1984;

WHEREAS, since being elected the 3rd pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in 1981 Reverend John W. Davis has significantly grown the church membership and has been with the

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church through the burning of their mortgage in 1985 and during their renovation which began in 1999;

WHEREAS, in his time as pastor, Reverend John W. Davis has added daily meditation periods at 6:30 AM, an additional Sunday worship service at 7:45 AM, Drama, Golden Era, Couple-as-One, Transportation, and Evangelistic Ministries;

WHEREAS, Reverend John W. Davis has overseen the implementation of a plethora of programs at Mount Zion Baptist Church including Sister-to-Sister Mentoring, Rights of Passage Male Mentoring, Angels of Assembly Dance Ministry, Outreach Ministry, Steering/Building/Renovation, Stewardship, Praise Team, Singing Prayer Warriors, John W. Davis Male Chorus, Richard A. Carroll Ensemble, Showers of Blessings, Computer Classes, and Spiritually Connected Adults Practicing Evangelism (SCAPE);

WHEREAS, Reverend John W. Davis is currently a member of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Washington, D.C. & Vicinity, the Hearing Committee, and a member of the Wednesday Morning Breakfast;

WHEREAS, on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> Mt. Zion Baptist Church will hold a banquet to celebrate their 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary and Reverend John W. Davis's 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Zion Baptist Church has been a pillar of our Ward 4 community for over half a century now and we are honored to have their presence in our Ward and in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reverend John W. Davis Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2019".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Mt. Zion Baptist Church and Reverend John W. Davis for their years of dedication and service to the residents of the District of Columbia.

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