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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 21, 2020

To recognize the Missionary Baptist Ministers' Conference of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity and its 54th president, Reverend Charles Winston McNeill, Jr., on the occasion of the Conference's 135th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Missionary Baptist Ministers' Conference of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity was organized in 1885 to secure peace and prosperity for all local churches, to safeguard the welfare and harmony of its members, and to promote Christian education and missionary causes;

WHEREAS, the Missionary Baptist Ministers' Conference of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity consists of a local body of Christian pastors and ministers who are affiliated with several national conventions;

WHEREAS, the Missionary Baptist Ministers' Conference of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity boasts of a long line of prominent pastors who have made notable contributions nationally and has a rich legacy of attracting and hosting great preachers and pastors to the District of Columbia, including some of the world's greatest and well known African-American preachers;

WHEREAS, the Missionary Baptist Ministers' Conference of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity seeks to develop its members through informative sessions; enhance the economic awareness of leaders/clergy for ministry empowerment, financial understanding and creating jobs; create and continue partnerships with conventions, conferences, community, business and political entities; hold elected officials accountable for legislation and promises made to the faith-based community; increase involvement for the causes of social justice and humanity; and create meaningful opportunities for fellowship and to continue meeting the needs of the individual clergy;

WHEREAS, Reverend Charles Winston McNeill, Jr. is a native of Erwin, North Carolina, born one of 5 children and the oldest son to Charles Winston McNeill, Sr. and Bessie Campbell McNeill;

WHEREAS, Reverend Charles Winston McNeill, Jr. is married to the former Audrey McDonald, and from their union, they have a daughter, Jade Noelle;

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WHEREAS, Reverend Charles Winston McNeill, Jr. received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of the District of Columbia, a master's degree from Andersonville Theological Seminary and several certificates from the University of Oklahoma and Temple University;

WHEREAS, Reverend Charles Winston McNeill, Jr. is the President of the National Capital Baptist Convention of Washington, DC and Vicinity; Chairperson for hosting the 2020 Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.; member of the Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; Second Vice Moderator of the Mt. Bethel Baptist Association; Faith-Based Liaison under Angela D. Alsobrooks, the County Executive for Prince George's County, Maryland; and Chairman of the Board of the United Community Against Poverty (UCAP); and

WHEREAS, Reverend Charles Winston McNeill, Jr. is the 54th President of Missionary Baptist Ministers' Conference of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Missionary Baptist Ministers' Conference of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity Recognition Resolution of 2020".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and congratulates the Missionary Baptist Ministers Conference of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity and its 54th president, Reverend Charles Winston McNeill, Jr., on the occasion of the Conference's 135th anniversary.

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