

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 3, 2020

To posthumously celebrate the life of Pastor Otis Meriedy Jr., a native Washingtonian and Ward 8 resident for his passion and joy in serving the Ward 8 community.

WHEREAS, Pastor Otis Meriedy Jr. was born on May 2, 1957 in Washington D.C. and raised in a Southeast Neighborhood of Washington D.C.;

WHEREAS, Pastor Otis passed away unexpectedly on January 12, 2020;

WHEREAS, Pastor Otis was a loving father to 2 sons Marcus Jackson and Marque Jackson;

WHEREAS, Pastor Otis married Edith Meriedy on June 17, 1995 and has been wed to her for over 25 years;

WHEREAS, Pastor Otis was a loving husband and father who worked in the District of Columbia as a driver taking clients to doctor appointments and meetings;

WHEREAS, Pastor Otis founded Bless Our Children Ministry 10 years ago with the purpose of sharing the gospel and serving the community;

WHEREAS, Pastor Otis could always be found on a Sunday morning in the pulpit sharing a stirring sermon;

WHEREAS, Bless Our Children Ministry grew over the past 10 years with numerous lives changed for the better after meeting Pastor Otis;

WHEREAS, Pastor Otis was known for greeting everyone he saw with a smile and drew great joy out of serving;

WHEREAS, Pastor Otis enjoyed engaging the community through outreach such as food drives and clothing donations;

WHEREAS, most recently Pastor Otis and Bless Our Children Ministries hosted a Christmas Holiday event where they donated clothes, toys and food to those in need;

WHEREAS, Pastor Otis was overheard at the conclusion of the Christmas event by one of his sons saying "I've done my job" with a big grin on his face;

WHEREAS, Pastor Otis has met a lot of people through his volunteering and has made a lasting impact on the Ward 8 community;

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WHEREAS, Ward 8 will miss Pastor Otis and his huge heart but acknowledge that he is in a better place.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Pastor Otis Meriedy Jr. Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2020.”

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia Posthumously honors Pastor Otis Meriedy Jr. for his life that he poured out in service to the community.

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