

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-255

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 3, 2020

To recognize and celebrate, Bishop Glen A. Staples for his Senior Pastor of The Temple of Praise.

WHEREAS, Bishop Staples answered the call to preach in 1981, licensed in 1982 and ordained in 1986;

WHEREAS, he began his ministerial service at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Beckley, West Virginia;

WHEREAS, Bishop Staples first served the Washington, DC community as the Associate Minister at the Tenth Street Baptist Church under the spiritual tutelage of Pastor A. C. Durant;

WHEREAS, one year after his appointment at the Tenth Street Baptist Church, Bishop Staples was appointed as the third Pastor of the former Anna Johenning Baptist Church, now known as the Temple of Praise;

WHEREAS, in 2005 Bishop Staples and Presiding Prelate was bestowed and consecrated upon him by Bishop T.D. Jakes, Senior Pastor of the Potter's House International;

WHEREAS, Bishop Staples leads a congregation of more than 14,000 members and 400 churches worldwide;

WHEREAS, Bishop Staples has ordained and installed more than 125 active in-house Pastors, Elders, and Ministers and is the covering for more than 50 Pastors stateside and 200 churches in India, Nigeria and the Bahamas;

WHEREAS, Bishop Staples life, education and experience has led to the title of being a "Pastor's Pastor;"

WHEREAS, under Bishop Staples' leadership and strong economic empowerment vision, lead him to move hundreds of congregants from a life of dependency to self-sufficiency;

WHEREAS, Bishop Staples has earned numerous degrees and awards, his greatest accomplishments would include being a loving father to Glen, Lamar, Rodney, Jamie and Micah, great teacher, pastor and a man who follows God's words;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Bishop Glen A. Staples Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2020."

**ENROLLED ORIGINAL**

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors Reverend James E. Coates for his community activism, lifelong commitment to service, and faithful leadership.

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