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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Bishop Charles M. Finnell for 20 years of service as Pastor of Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Assembly in Indianapolis.

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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Bishop  
2 Charles M. Finnell for 20 years of service as Pastor of Christ  
3 Temple Apostolic Faith Assembly in Indianapolis.

4           *Whereas, Bishop Charles M. Finnell is a native of*  
5 *Indianapolis, Indiana, and a spirit-filled "Jesus Only" preacher*  
6 *of the gospel of Jesus Christ who has devoted his life to serving*  
7 *the Lord;*

8           *Whereas, Bishop Finnell graduated from Shortridge High*  
9 *School in Indianapolis and attended IUPUI, where he majored*  
10 *in Business Administration, and later he attended Aeon Bible*  
11 *College and was ordained as an Elder by the Pentecostal*  
12 *Assemblies of the World (P.A.W.);*

13           *Whereas, In 1980, Bishop Finnell founded and became*  
14 *pastor of the Apostolic Lighthouse Church in Bloomington,*  
15 *Indiana, where he traveled at least twice each week for*  
16 *twenty-two years, despite residing in Indianapolis and*  
17 *maintaining a full-time job with the U.S. Postal Service, to*  
18 *minister to students from Indiana University and the*  
19 *Bloomington community;*

20           *Whereas, During his tenure as pastor of the Apostolic*  
21 *Lighthouse Church, Bishop Finnell exhibited his zeal and*  
22 *passion for the Word of God by overseeing the growth of the*  
23 *church both spiritually and naturally, including the*  
24 *construction of a new church edifice and the purchase of two*  
25 *homes - one for housing and the other renovated to house a*



1 *multi-service center for the community;*

2 *Whereas, In September 2002, Bishop Finnell was called to*  
 3 *pastor Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Assembly in Indianapolis*  
 4 *and was subsequently elevated to the office of Suffragan*  
 5 *Bishop, and in August 2012, he was elevated to full Bishop in*  
 6 *the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World and assigned to the*  
 7 *50th Episcopal District, Nigeria West Africa, Western District*  
 8 *Council;*

9 *Whereas, As pastor of Christ Temple, Bishop Finnell has*  
 10 *exhibited strong leadership in spiritual matters while also*  
 11 *leading his community through times of crisis, demonstrated by*  
 12 *his efforts to make sure his community was safe and provided*  
 13 *with food and necessities during the pandemic;*

14 *Whereas, Bishop Finnell is significantly involved in urban*  
 15 *ministry as he attempts to make a difference within the city and*  
 16 *the surrounding neighborhood of the church he now pastors;*

17 *Whereas, Bishop Finnell is a devoted family man, married*  
 18 *to Vivian Y. Price Finnell, and is the loving father of two sons*  
 19 *and the equally proud grandfather of three grandchildren, one*  
 20 *great-granddaughter, and a great-grandson due in June; and*

21 *Whereas, Bishop Finnell's great love for God is manifested*  
 22 *by his integrity, faithfulness, and loyalty to his family, the*  
 23 *people under his leadership, as well as all of God's people:*  
 24 *Therefore,*

25 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
 26 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*  
 27 *concurring:*

28 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors  
 29 Bishop Charles M. Finnell for 20 years of service as Pastor of  
 30 Christ Temple Apostolic Faith Assembly in Indianapolis and  
 31 for his lifelong dedication to serving the Lord and making a



1 positive impact in the lives of others.

2 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
3 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Bishop Charles M.  
4 Finnell.

