

A RESOLUTION honoring Hughlett Temple A.M.E. Zion Church on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

WHEREAS, Hughlett Temple A.M.E. Zion Church was founded on July 6, 1866, in Louisville, Kentucky under the leadership of Bishop Samson Talbott; and

WHEREAS, in the 150 years since its birth, Hughlett Temple A.M.E. Zion Church has overcome many challenges to become a beacon of Louisville's, and of this Commonwealth's, spiritual power; and

WHEREAS, the first pastor of Hughlett Temple A.M.E. Zion Church was the Reverend W.F. Butler. In 1867, the congregation purchased land on 15th Street to build its first structure, later moving to Broadway in the heart of Louisville. In the early 20th century, the congregants moved to West Chestnut Street, and in 1930 the Reverend Daniel J. Hughlett took over leadership of the church, beginning an illustrious 30-year tenure that saw many positive changes to the church and its mission. Under Rev. Hughlett's direction the church continued to grow, adding a Well Baby Clinic and a Credit Union and expanding the role of youth within the church; and

WHEREAS, in 1960 the church was named after Rev. Hughlett, and a new era of fellowship, hope, and goodwill began; and

WHEREAS, in 1980 the church relocated to its current location at 2115 West Jefferson Street, and over the next three decades the Hughlett Temple A.M.E. Zion Church continued its long history of teaching, faith, and community outreach thanks to the constant, abiding glory of God; and

WHEREAS, under its present pastor, the Rev. Dr. Valerie J. Washington, the Hughlett Temple A.M.E. Zion Church serves, just as it did upon its founding, as a sanctuary that meets the needs of the poor and marginalized families in its community and that serves as a place of fellowship, guidance, and spiritual direction for all its members; and

WHEREAS, this honorable body today rightfully honors Hughlett Temple A.M.E.

Zion Church on the occasion of its 150th anniversary, and grants Rev. Washington and her congregation best wishes as they continue to serve as shining examples of God's glory;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor Hughlett Temple A.M.E. Zion Church upon its 150th anniversary, and acknowledge the deep history of the church and its integral place in Louisville's faith community.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Hughlett Temple A.M.E. Zion Church.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Reginald Meeks for delivery.