

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 2, 2019

To recognize and congratulate Reverend Dr. Harold N. Brooks, Jr. on his 14th anniversary as pastor of the First Baptist Church - Minnesota Avenue.

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Harold N. Brooks, Jr. is a native Washingtonian and the son of Marian Louise and Harold N. Brooks, Sr.;

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Harold N. Brooks, Jr. received his elementary and secondary education in the public and parochial schools in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Harold N. Brooks, Jr. was an honor graduate of Howard University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications in 1990, and subsequently, the Master of Divinity Degree in 2000;

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Harold N. Brooks, Jr. earned the Doctor of Divinity Degree at the Samuel Dewitt Proctor School of Theology at the Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia in May 2007;

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Harold N. Brooks, Jr. is a member of the NAACP, The Missionary Baptist Ministers Conference, The Progressive National Convention, and the Rho Zeta Sigma Chapter (Scholarship Committee) of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.;

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Harold N. Brooks, Jr.'s 14-year tenure of service at First Baptist Church - Minnesota Avenue has been marked by some of his most stellar accomplishments in growth and development of the church across several categories, including the spiritual growth of members and improvements and expansion of the church's infrastructure, ministries, programs, outreach, advocacy, partnerships, and community impact;

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WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Harold N. Brooks, Jr. is a servant leader who reflects the disciplined strength of humility while investing his time, energy, and resources in others to empower and exhort them to higher achievement; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Harold N. Brooks, Jr., as pastor, has charged the congregation with transforming First Baptist Church into “A Sanctuary in the Heart of Southeast with a Heart to Serve.”

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Reverend Dr. Harold N. Brooks, Jr. 14th Pastoral Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates Reverend Dr. Harold N. Brooks, Jr. on the occasion of his 14th pastoral anniversary.

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