

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 7, 2019

To recognize the Baptist Ministers' Wives and Widows Association of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity, Incorporated for its many accomplishments and achievements, and to honor its President, Dr. Marie A. Bowe-Quick for her outstanding service as President of the organization.

WHEREAS, the Baptist Minister' Wives and Widows Association of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity, Incorporated (“BMWVA”) was founded in 1933 by Sister Alberta B. Randolph, wife of Reverend J. Harvey Randolph, who saw a need for ministers’ wives to come together and fellowship with one another as they encouraged and supported each other in their work, with their husbands, for the Lord;

WHEREAS, the BMWVA, comprised of its devoted forty-five members, is committed to strengthening the bonds of friendship to strive toward a wholesome, harmonious, sympathetic, and sisterly relationship among ministers' wives and widows everywhere;

WHEREAS, under the leadership of its 42<sup>nd</sup> President, Dr. Marie A. Bowe-Quick, BMWVA strengthens the Washington metropolitan region by encouraging effective giving and supporting charitable causes;

WHEREAS, Dr. Marie A. Bowe-Quick, along with her husband, Reverend Wayne B. Quick, Associate Minister at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, work tirelessly together on several projects including assembling and distributing hygiene bags to men and woman in need and providing backpacks and snacks to underprivileged elementary students;

WHEREAS, Dr. Marie A. Bowe-Quick, now a retired principal, previously taught language arts at junior high schools in Washington, D.C. after receiving her Doctorate in Educational Leadership in Administration, Supervision, and Curriculum from The George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development;

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WHEREAS, the BMWWA is committed to several service projects and events including its featured fundraiser, the Annual Fellowship Breakfast, which the BMWWA has hosted for over twenty years with an attendance of about 800 people;

WHEREAS, the Annual Fellowship Breakfast is expected to raise over \$5,000, which will provide educational scholarships to area youth and contribute to other service projects through the year, assisting local charities in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, the BMWWA is dedicated to not only serving the local community, but also the community abroad in that they are currently working with the embassy of Ghana to provide sanitary supplies for the young women in need;

WHEREAS, the BMWWA presents “Faithful Servant” awards to recognize local congregants who have been identified by their churches as deserving of special honor; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at The Camelot of Upper Marlboro, the BMWWA will host its Annual Fellowship Breakfast and Scholarship Fund to promote the importance of education.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Baptist Ministers’ Wives and Widows Association of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity, Inc. Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia expresses its appreciation to the Baptist Ministers’ Wives and Widows Association of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity, Inc. for its immeasurable contributions to the District of Columbia, and recognizes its President, Dr. Marie A. Bowe-Quick, for her steadfast leadership and commitment to community service.

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