

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 7, 2019

To recognize, posthumously, Rev. Willie William Flood, for his contributions as a community leader and advocate, and for his outstanding service to various organizations in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Rev. Willie W. Flood was married to Elaine Howard Flood for 66 years and fathered 6 children, 12 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren;

WHEREAS, Rev. Flood answered the call to ministry in 1939 and became licensed and ordained to preach the Gospel;

WHEREAS, in 1959, Rev. Willie W. Flood assumed the Pastorate of the Tabernacle Baptist Church from his Grandfather and served as Pastor for 53 of his 73 years in ministry;

WHEREAS, in 1966 Rev. Willie W. Flood moved the church to 4101 First Street, Southeast and renamed the church as the Southeast Tabernacle Baptist Church;

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Pastor, Rev. Willie W. Flood worked diligently and the church property became debt free;

WHEREAS, Rev. Flood understood the importance of nutrition and brought fresh fruits and vegetables to the community through ownership of produce stands at the Florida Avenue Market, 7-Eleven, and grocery stores in Wards 4 and 7 and in Brentwood, Maryland;

WHEREAS, Rev. Flood provided employment opportunities to young men and women across several generations, including Former Chief of Police Maurice Turner and the Civil Rights "Freedom Rider" Pastor Rev. Green;

WHEREAS, he was recognized by the Washington Post for connection to youth and community and in March 2010 attended all the funerals of the youth murdered in the South Capitol Street Massacre despite being over the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Flood dedicated his life to the service of others and building the kingdom of God and being a pillar of the Ward 8 community.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Rev. Willie William Flood Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors and applauds the life work and accomplishments of Rev. Willie William Flood, and declares May 12, 2019, as “Reverend Willie William Flood Day” in the District of Columbia.

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