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2 anniversary of Trinity Missionary Baptist Church.

3 *Whereas, In 1918, a prayer band of 13 people who were*
4 *meeting in various homes in Gary felt the need for a church to*
5 *fulfill them spiritually in their service to God;*

6 *Whereas, On March 20, 1918, the Trinity Missionary Baptist*
7 *Church was organized and named by Sister Ida Covington,*
8 *making Trinity Missionary Baptist Church the sixth established*
9 *African American church in Gary;*

10 *Whereas, The charter members responsible for organizing the*
11 *church were Sister Covington, Sister Rosa Jackson, Brother M.*
12 *Gonzales, and Brothers and Sisters Riley, Porter, Brown, and*
13 *Thompson;*

14 *Whereas, Although not ordained, the Reverend Mitchell*
15 *Coleman was selected to guide the church, later replaced by the*
16 *Reverend Bellamy, who served for only a brief time;*

17 *Whereas, Upon the ordination of the Reverend Coleman, he*
18 *returned to guide Trinity Missionary Baptist Church;*

19 *Whereas, Under the leadership of the Reverend Coleman,*
20 *Trinity Missionary Baptist Church made rapid progress,*
21 *purchasing land to build a new building and having the choir*
22 *participate in the World's Fair held in Chicago;*

23 *Whereas, With dwindling membership, the faithful of Trinity*
24 *Missionary Baptist Church began to search for a new leader*



1 *and found the Reverend William H. Thomas, who recognized a*
 2 *need for spiritual revitalization within the church;*

3 *Whereas, By 1939 membership had increased, deacons were*
 4 *reorganized, a building fund committee was appointed, and a*
 5 *departmental Sunday church school was organized;*

6 *Whereas, In 1992, the Reverend Thomas was called to his*
 7 *heavenly reward after pastoring Trinity Missionary Baptist*
 8 *Church for 54 years;*

9 *Whereas, Under the leadership of the Reverend Dwight A.*
 10 *Gardner, the membership began to increase, the services*
 11 *became more spiritually filled, the Youth Choir began to again*
 12 *revive the souls of the membership, the Young Candy Strippers*
 13 *were reorganized, and the Youth Usher Board was reactivated;*

14 *Whereas, During this time the men's ministry became a focal*
 15 *point of the church, mentoring to the young men of the*
 16 *congregation;*

17 *Whereas, The ministry of Trinity Missionary Baptist Church*
 18 *received national recognition, along with the Reverend*
 19 *Gardner, who was elected as president of the Baptist Ministers*
 20 *Conference of Gary and Vicinity and was selected as the*
 21 *keynote speaker for the bi-state celebration and action*
 22 *assembly held in Chicago, Illinois;*

23 *Whereas, In order to mentor to the youth of the congregation,*
 24 *the Joshua Troop was organized to coordinate all youth*
 25 *activities, with a goal of equipping children with the spiritual*
 26 *tools needed to possess the promises of God; and*

27 *Whereas, Trinity Missionary Baptist Church has been an*
 28 *asset to the Church Federation and the community by*
 29 *ministering to the needy and poor of all mankind: Therefore,*

30 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*
 31 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*
 32 *the Senate concurring:*

33 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
 34 congratulate Trinity Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion
 35 of its 100th anniversary and to thank the church for ministering



1 so faithfully to those seeking spiritual guidance and comfort.
2 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
3 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Pastor
4 Gardner.

