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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

23-277

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 17, 2020

To recognize and celebrate the life of Reverend Dr. Robert “Bob” Edward Mathieu.

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Robert “Bob” Edward Mathieu was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1971, he became a proud Ward 8 resident;

WHEREAS, he received the call to preach as a teenager and he began the process to the ministry through the Assemblies of God working with youth groups;

WHEREAS, in his lifetime he earned a Certificate of Ordination, a Ministerial Diploma, and Doctor of Humane Letters;

WHEREAS, Reverend Mathieu preferred the title of Pastor because he loved everyone and particularly loved to minister to his flock, which he considered to be Southeast, Washington DC;

WHEREAS, some of the accomplishments of Pastor Mathieu included the founding and directing of Camp Dynamite, Anacostia Gospel Chapel, and the Anacostia Educational Foundation - as well as the hosting of educational endeavors, community empowerment programs and peacemaking initiatives;

WHEREAS, Pastor Mathieu had a good sense of humor which he used to connect with others;

WHEREAS, he had the ability to imitate voices and often used the voice of Fat Albert to greet children with the classic “Hey, hey, hey!” - leading children in the neighborhood to don him with the name Reverend Fat Albert;

WHEREAS, his life’s work included being a mentor and champion of marginalized populations, being the President of the Washington City Bible Society and the Washington, D.C. Citywide PTA, being a board member for Teen Challenge, Project Bridges, and the Stoddard Baptist Nursing Home, and for having held memberships with the National Black Evangelical Association and the Clergy Policy Community Partnership;

WHEREAS, Pastor Mathieu received many awards including the Father of the Year, Seymour House of Howard University Humanitarian Award, and the Linda Moody Community Service Award. Still the award he probably cherished the most was the love of his wife and life partner, Sharon P. Mathieu, who witnessed his last words on this Earth: “love you”;

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WHEREAS, Pastor Mathieu's life was one of love and a desire to share his passion so that more souls could know Christ; the Bible verses in 2 Timothy 4:7 and Matthew 25:21, may say it best, "You have fought the good fight and have finished the course and kept the faith, and now it is time that our heavenly father say to him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Reverend Dr. Robert "Bob" Edward Mathieu Ceremonial Resolution of 2020."

Sec. 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.