



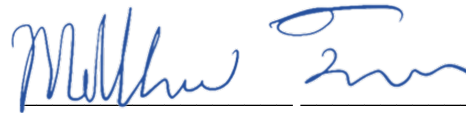
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A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize, honor, and celebrate the 100th Annual Holy Convocation of The United House of Prayer for All People.

WHEREAS, The United House of Prayer for All People was founded in 1919 by Bishop C.M. Grace in West Wareham, Massachusetts;

WHEREAS, Bishop Grace built the first edifice with his own hands for the cost of \$39, and the structure still stands today;

21 WHEREAS, Bishop Grace declared the First Annual Holy Convocation of The United
22 House of Prayer to improve the spiritual condition of “all people”;

23 WHEREAS, The United House of Prayer first purchased property in 1926 by acquiring a
24 mansion and its slave quarters, which now serve as the organization’s national headquarters;

25 WHEREAS, the public outreach of Christian fellowship, including the Convocation,
26 began under Bishop Grace and was exemplified by the Church’s willingness to feed the needy
27 during the Great Depression and many declared that “Daddy Grace’s Church had soup with meat
28 in it!”;

29 WHEREAS, Bishop W. McCollough grew the Church’s outreach by launching the
30 McCollough Voters League into a major electoral force in the City; establishing a homegrown
31 scholarship, the McCollough Scholarship College Fund, which for 55 years has been operated
32 and funded by the Church’s membership; and a massive housing program, which caused Bishop
33 McCollough to be called a “one-man religious HUD,” that has made it possible for many citizens
34 from the downtrodden to the rising, thriving middle class to have an opportunity to live, work,
35 and flourish in the District of Columbia;

36 WHEREAS, Bishop S.C. Madison, a longtime District resident and pastor, led his
37 congregations into 17 Convocations, increased the Church’s real estate holdings, and advanced
38 the scholarship initiative by beginning the First Lady’s Scholastic Achievement Program to
39 complement and feed into the organization’s scholarship program;

40 WHEREAS, Bishop C.M. Bailey worked with DC residents to encourage them to turn
41 their lives, hearts, and souls over to a higher power, leading members into 15 Convocations, even
42 spending his last moments on earth administering the 97th Annual Holy Convocation; and

WHEREAS, Bishop A.D. Cunningham, the fifth and current leader of the United House of Prayer for All People, has protected the Church’s intellectual properties and does the important work of building buildings and homes for people from all walks of life while also working to improve the spiritual walk of “all people,” as the Organization’s name implies.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “The United House of Prayer for All People 100th Annual Holy Convocation Recognition Resolution of 2026”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates the 100th Annual Holy Convocation of The United House of Prayer for All People, its past leadership, and its current leader Bishop A.D. Cunningham, who are commended for the efforts to improve the District of Columbia, its residents, and the lives of “all people.”

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