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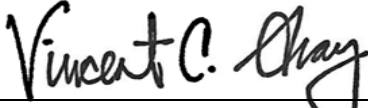
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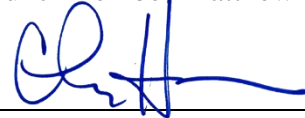
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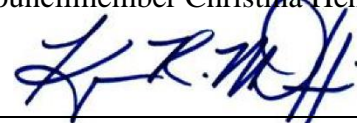
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22 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION
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26 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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29 To recognize and celebrate the life, legacy and contributions of Bishop C.M. Bailey, the fourth
30 Bishop of the United House of Prayer for All People.

31 WHEREAS, C.M. Bailey was a native of Newport News, Virginia;

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33 WHEREAS, in 1967, Bishop Bailey began serving as a minister in the United House of
34 Prayer under the tutelage of Bishop Walter McCollough;

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36 WHEREAS, after ordination, Bishop Bailey led worshippers as pastor for Augusta,
37 Georgia United House of Prayer congregations on East Boundary Street and at the ornate regional
38 “Motherhouse” on Wrightsboro Road as well as congregations in both Charlotte, North Carolina
39 and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
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41 WHEREAS, in the year 2000, recognizing the necessity to strengthen the General Council,
42 Bishop S.C. Madison appointed Bishop Bailey as a Judge of the General Council; and then in 2004
43 Head Judge of that body. Furthermore, in 2006, he was appointed the Senior Minister of the United
44 House of Prayer. These gestures underscored Bishop Bailey’s wisdom, leadership, and the trust
45 placed in his ability to guide the future of the church;
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47 WHEREAS, on May 23, 2008, Bishop Bailey became the fourth leader of the United House
48 of Prayer after the death of Bishop Madison;
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50 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Bishop Bailey presided over 137 congregations in nearly
51 30 states and the District of Columbia;
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53 WHEREAS, Bishop Bailey was nationally recognized for a ministry which placed
54 particular emphasis on youth. He was inspired to launch a visionary initiative, “RETURN,” where
55 church members were strongly encouraged to restore within themselves traditional core Christian
56 values and to encourage youth to learn and embody those same moral standards;
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58 WHEREAS, consistent with his commitment to youth, Bishop Bailey served as Executive
59 Director of the McCollough Scholarship College Fund, which awards needs-based scholarships to
60 students, and where he was annually the Scholarship Fund’s most generous benefactor;
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62 WHEREAS, Bishop Bailey also exercised stewardship over multiple housing initiatives,
63 with complexes in Los Angeles, CA, New York, NY, New Haven, CT, Washington, DC, Charlotte,
64 NC, Norfolk, VA, Columbia, SC, Augusta, GA, Macon, GA, Savannah, GA, and other locations
65 culminating in the building and dedication, in October 2022, of a brand new complex—the Bailey
66 Village, which is regionally recognized as leading the revitalization of East Downtown
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69 WHEREAS, Bishop Bailey led church initiatives focusing on senior citizens, including the
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79 WHEREAS, Bishop Bailey spent 56 years in ministry, the last 15 of which he spent as the
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82 WHEREAS, Bishop Bailey passed away unexpectedly on August 11, 2023, at the age of
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84 church;

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86 WHEREAS, Bishop Bailey is survived by his wife of 52 years, W.G. Bailey; his mother,
87 Dorothy Bailey; two daughters, one son, two brothers, a sister, and two grandchildren; and

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89 WHEREAS, Bishop Bailey dedicated his life and career to serving others and providing
90 for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of so many people, including thousands of residents
91 of the District of Columbia.

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93 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
94 resolution may be cited as the “Bishop C.M. Bailey Posthumous Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

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96 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the life and legacy
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98 in the District of Columbia through his work with and leadership of the United House of Prayer.

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