

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 9, 2024

To celebrate and honor Reverend H. Lionel Edmonds for his dedicated service to the faith-based community and commitment to responsible community redevelopment in Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS, Rev. Edmonds has faithfully served as the Senior Pastor of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church for over 30 years, commencing his dedicated service in November 1992;

WHEREAS, Rev. Edmonds, a distinguished alumnus of Howard University with a master's degree in religious studies, has demonstrated a commitment to intellectual and spiritual enrichment;

WHEREAS, Rev. Edmonds played a pivotal role in co-founding the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) in October 1996, a transformative organization dedicated to fostering citizen empowerment, accountability of elected officials, and addressing community issues across the District;

WHEREAS, Rev. Edmonds established the Mt. Lebanon Community Development Corporation (CDC) in 2006 to enhance local civic life through initiatives such as affordable housing, health and wellness education, job training, and workforce development;

WHEREAS, under Sr. Pastor Edmonds's visionary leadership, the Mt. Lebanon CDC successfully transformed an historic apartment building known as "The Oakmont" from a former crack house to a multi-use affordable housing development, featuring offices for small businesses and community space for meetings and gatherings;

WHEREAS, the Mt. Lebanon CDC, in collaboration with Mission First-Housing Group and Urban Matters-Development Partners, LLC, converted the former M.M. Washington School into an 82-unit senior affordable housing facility named "House of Lebanon" in December 2013, providing essential housing and community space for senior D.C. residents;

WHEREAS, Rev. Edmonds is a member of the Washington, D.C. Hall of Fame and has received the Legacy Award for his work.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Rev. H. Lionel Edmonds Recognition Resolution of 2023.”

Sec. 2 The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Rev. H. Lionel Edmonds for his exceptional leadership and many contributions to the spiritual, social, and economic well-being of our community.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.