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Legislation Text

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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION honoring Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church on the occasion of its 128th Anniversary Celebration to be held Sunday, August 27, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 21379, August 21, 2023

INTRODUCED BY Venessa Huskey, DaRon McGee, Megan L. Marshall, Jalen Anderson, Donna Peyton, Manuel Abarca IV, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer, and Sean E. Smith, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri, has a storied history dating back to 1895, when a small band of Christian believers, led by the Rev. Henry Robinson, answered the call of God and established Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, which later became known as Highland Avenue Baptist Church; and,

WHEREAS, the congregation of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, through faith and tenacity, overcame adversity and challenges, including a fire that destroyed their building in 1946, and managed to survive and thrive under the courageous and creative leadership of Rev. E. H. Branch; and,

WHEREAS, the church demonstrated a commitment to inclusivity and equality by affirming women in significant leadership roles, such as Deacons, Trustees, and Ministers, including full ordination; and,

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WHEREAS, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church has exemplified its motto of "Changing,

Restoring, and Strengthening Lives" by engaging in community partnerships and outreach programs,

including a summer academic camp, after-school programs, health screenings, social services, and

various self-help initiatives, which have positively impacted thousands of lives and garnered national

recognition; and,

WHEREAS, the church, led by Dr. Hartsfield II, not only serves as a spiritual center but also as an

educational institution, with Dr. Hartsfield II's role as Fred E. Young Chair and Professor of Hebrew

Bible at Central Baptist Seminary, contributing to the development of future leaders and ministers;

and,

WHEREAS, the church's commitment to its mission is evident through ongoing renovations and

upgrades, including a major effort to upgrade the sanctuary and other areas, at a significant cost,

demonstrating dedication to maintaining a welcoming and inspiring place of worship; and,

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church continues to embrace its role as a community

leader by addressing social ills and advocating against discrimination, oppression, and

marginalization, as guided by its interpretation of biblical teachings; and,

WHEREAS, the church's unwavering dedication to its mission and its community reflects a vision for

the 21st century and beyond, to be a beacon of love, care, concern, and connection for the City of

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Kansas City, promoting a collective relationship with God	through the teachings of Jesus, the Christ;
now therefore,	
BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson C	County, Missouri that the Legislature hereby
honors and recognizes Metropolitan Missionary Baptist	Church of Kansas City, Missouri, on the
occasion of its 128 th Anniversary Celebration and extends	best wishes on all of its future endeavors.
Enacted and Approved Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immedia Legislature.	ately upon its passage by a majority of the
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
County Counselor	
Certificate of Passage	
I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolutic duly passed on August 21, 2023 by the Jackson Count follows:	
Yeas Nays	0
Abstaining <u>0</u> Absent	<u>0</u>
Date Mary Jo Sr	pino Clerk of Legislature