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To honor, recognize and celebrate the service of Bishop Timothy J. Clarke and Lady Clytemnestra Lawson Clarke, Sister "C", on the occasion of their 35th Pastoral Anniversary at First Church of God.

WHEREAS, Bishop Timothy J. Clarke was first called into the ministry in 1974 in his hometown of Far Rockaway, New York, as the Associate Minister at the First Church of God; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Clarke pastored the congregation of the York Avenue Church of God located in Warren, Ohio from November 1977 until he was called to serve as the Senior Pastor of First Church of God, in Columbus, Ohio in February of 1982; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Timothy J. Clarke has become known and acknowledged as one of Central Ohio's preeminent visionary leaders - under his dynamic and prophetic leadership, First Church has become a recognized spiritual beacon - committed to fulfilling its purpose of exalting Christ, evangelizing the lost, and edifying the body - this recognition, however, is not limited to Columbus and Central Ohio alone but extends across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Clarke was consecrated to the office of Bishop in September of 2001; and

WHEREAS, First Church of God has made great strides since its humble beginnings in October of 1937 - it has become known as the "City of Refuge" a place that prepares people for their ultimate and great appointment - standing before the Lord; and

WHEREAS, the Berean Fellowship of Churches was established by Bishop Clarke in 2001 and now includes more than 50 churches of various denominations; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Clarke and Sister "C" collectively have authored numerous books, currently serve and have served on many prestigious boards, received numerous awards, and have impacted thousands of lives, unwaveringly, exalting Christ, evangelizing, and edifying - however counted among their most significant legacy achievements, they are the proud parents of two adult daughters who have inherited their parents commitment to Christ and responsibility to service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby honor, recognize and celebrate the service of Bishop Timothy J. Clarke and Lady Clytemnestra Lawson Clarke, Sister "C" on the occasion of their 35th Pastoral Anniversary at First Church of God.