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To honor and recognize Asbury North United Methodist Church on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.

**WHEREAS**, in 1862, a group of sixteen gathered for prayer and worship in the home of John R. and Lucy Smith, laying the foundation for the first Methodist Episcopal Church for African Americans in Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout its 150 years of continuous ministry, the church and its proud members have given back much to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, now a congregation of approximately 200 active and involved members, Asbury North United Methodist Church hosts a monthly community dinner that serves meals to people in need, provides Benefit Bank and other social services for community residents, provides a “free bread” ministry, and hosts Woodland Park Neighborhood Association and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2010, Reverend A. Robina Vaughn became pastor of Asbury North United Methodist Church, succeeding Reverend Gregory H. Herndon, and she will preside over a congregation that looks forward to many more years of service to come; and

**WHEREAS**, the community will celebrate Asbury North United Methodist Church’s historic anniversary with a dinner and dance to be held on September 21, 2012; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council does hereby honor and recognize Asbury North United Methodist Church on the occasion of its 150th anniversary.