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To recognize and celebrate Mt. Olivet Baptist Church for 110 years of worship and service

WHEREAS, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church was founded on Easter Sunday, April 22, 1907 by the Thirteen Disciples of Christ in the Jacob Stern Warehouse on Donaldson Street in Columbus, Ohio. In 1925 the Church officially became Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and has continued to grow ever since; and

WHEREAS, in 1958 under the leadership of Dr. H Beecher Hicks Sr., the current sanctuary and fellowship center was constructed; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 Reverend Dr. Charles Edward Booth became the Senior Pastor at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership the Church has expanded its facilities and grown stronger as a congregation; and

WHEREAS, Over the last four decades the Church has seen the construction of the Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Chapel, a day care facility, and most recently plans to create a family life center have taken of which will allow Our Hunger Outreach and Food Pantry ministries to double in capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Church and Dr. Booth, who has served the congregation for 39 years to date, helped found the Mt. Olivet Christian Academy in 1991, later renamed the Gloria S. Friend Christian Academy, which educates students from kindergarten through fifth grade with an intense focus on academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church is a beacon of endurance and service in the Columbus community. The Church is a place of worship and solace for thousands, and acts as a symbol of continued growth and leadership for Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Olivet's 110th Anniversary Banquet will be on April 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and held at the Clock Tower Banquet and Conference Center, Columbus, Ohio. Reverend Dr. Calvin Butts, Senior Pastor of Abyssinian Church, New York City and president of the State University of New York at Westbury will be the banquet speaker; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: that this Council does hereby recognize and honor, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, for 110 years of leadership and service in the Columbus community. The Church's many initiatives and services help thousands of people around Columbus and strengthen the resolve and compassion of our city.