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Legislation Text

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To honor and recognize the investiture of Bishop Wilfred Jacobus Messiah as President of the Council of Bishops for the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

WHEREAS, at the 47th Session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church Bishop Messiah was elected on the first ballot and consecrated the 120th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and

WHEREAS, Bishop Messiah's consecration represented the first time in the history of the African Methodist Episcopal Church that an African had been elected on the first ballot, and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Wilberforce University, Bishop Messiah continued to Payne Theological Seminary and obtained his Doctor of Ministry degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and

WHEREAS, upon graduation Bishop Messiah returned to his home in South Africa to become the first President of The Richard Robert Wright Theological Seminary, and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the Beautiful Gate HIV/AIDS Ministry Bishop Messiah established the Mokone Outreach Ministries HIV/AIDS Ministry, and

WHEREAS, Bishop Messiah presides over the 20th Episcopal District which is comprised of Malawi, Zimbabwe, Uganda and Tanzania, and

WHEREAS, Bishop Messiah serves as Chairman of the Global Development Commission which is charged with the responsibility for growth and development of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Africa, and

WHEREAS, Bishop Messiah has pastored five churches in the Third District and one in the Republic of South Africa; now, therefore

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

That we do hereby recognize and honor the investiture of Bishop Wilfred Jacobus Messiah on this 25th day of June, 2007.