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To Congratulate Dr. Otha Gilyard and First Lady Frieda Gilyard on their Twenty-Ninth Pastoral Anniversary at Shiloh Baptist Church

WHEREAS, Dr. Otha Gilyard was born in Brickeys, Arkansas, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rhodes College, a Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, a Masters of Sacred Theology from Union Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate from Chicago Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1993, Dr. Gilyard was named Pastor-Elect of Shiloh Baptist Church in Columbus, having previously served as Second Calvary Baptist Church in Hopewell, NJ and Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, MI; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Gilyard's transformative leadership, Shiloh Baptist Church erected a new Educational Wing and partnered with Kelley Companies to build 82 apartments in the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gilyard's involvement in the community is reflected in his service in several important leadership roles, including time as President of the Board of the Council of Churches, as a member of the Ohio Counselors, Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists Board, an appointment to the Columbus Education Commission, and as President of the Ohio Baptist General Convention; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gilyard and First Lady Frieda Gilyard share a commitment to improving the City of Columbus and offering faith-based leadership to help guide residents during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, 2022 marks Dr. Gilyards 29th Pastoral anniversary at Shiloh Baptist Church; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council congratulates Dr. Otha Gilyard and First Lady Frieda Gilyard on their Twenty-Ninth Pastoral Anniversary at Shiloh Baptist Church.