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To Recognize the 69th Birthday of Dr. C. Dexter Wise

WHEREAS, Dr. Wise began to preach at the age of 12, became licensed to preach at the age of 16, was ordained to the gospel ministry at 19, served as pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, in Providence, Rhode Island from 1977 to 1982, and served as pastor of Columbus, Ohio's historic Shiloh Baptist Church from 1982-1991; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Dr. Wise was led to organize Faith Ministries Interdenominational Church in Columbus, Ohio, which today has over 1600 members; and

WHEREAS, As the "Rappin' Reverend", Dr. Wise recorded his first rap album "I Ain't Into That!" which was the number one record on the number one rhythm and blues station in Detroit, MI; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wise went on a fifty school tour and in ninety days got more than 18,000 Columbus, Ohio school children to make public commitments to live drug free, crime free and alcohol free lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wise will be celebrating his 69th birthday on May 25th of 2023; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council celebrates the 69th birthday of Dr. C. Dexter Wise and thanks him for his contributions to his community