



## Legislation Text

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To honor, recognize and celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Joseph Freeman, Jr.

**WHEREAS,** Joseph received baptism at East Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and was ordained as Deacon in August, 1957. One year later he accepted his calling to the ministry and preached his first sermon in 1958. On Sunday, June 29, 1958 Rev. Freeman was licensed to preach the Gospel; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph served as Assistant to Pastor I.P. Fears until October 19, 1958, when Rev. Fears resigned and recommended Rev. Freeman to become Pastor where he has faithfully led the East Mt. Olivet Baptist Church as it's under-shepherd for sixty years; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph continued Christian and furthered his education with a Bachelor of Theology from Southern Bible Seminary and his Doctor of Divinity from New World Bible Institute; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph served as the General Secretary, First Vice-Moderator, and as Moderator of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Association for thirty plus years. Rev. Freeman has been a member of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Columbus Baptist Pastor's Conference, the Baptist Ministerial Alliance of Columbus, and of the Ohio Baptist State Convention; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph at the present time, is the oldest (85) active Pastor in the City of Columbus and has been a community focused man who spent his life giving back to those around him; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Freeman, Jr. arrived in Columbus on September of 1948 to live with his grandmother and attended Champion Jr., East High and Central High School; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby honor, recognize, and celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Joseph Freeman, Jr.