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To honor and celebrate the 185th Anniversary of the Second Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, founded in 1824, Second Baptist Church is the oldest African American church in Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, since its' inception, Second Baptist Church has held fast to their purpose statement, "We believe a great commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission will grow a Great Church."; and

WHEREAS, the Second Baptist Church congregation has faithfully and with maturity, followed the leadership of only 7 pastors in 185 years; Rev. Ezekiel Fields, James Preston Poindexter, Charles Frank Jenkins, Harold E. Pinkston, the illustrious Leon L. Troy, Sr., David S. Carter, and now Rev. Howard T. Washington; and

WHEREAS, Second Baptist Church has celebrated great milestones over the years, such as; establishing Chandler Arms, their 45 unit senior citizen's housing complex, and expanding their current location to include a \$1 million dollar education wing; and

WHEREAS, down through the years, Second Baptist Church has faithfully served the greater Columbus community through a variety of outreach programs including: Operation Potato, Operation Shoe Leather, Summer Camp and Student Ministry (college students). In recent years the church has provided support through the food Pantry, Clothing Ministry, Faith Missions, and Food for the Community Cookout; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, Second Baptist Church has been under the spiritual leadership of Dr. Howard T. Washington. The church continues to meet the needs of the church congregation and the community as it spreads the gospel and serves the city of Columbus, Ohio; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That we do hereby honor and celebrate the 185th Anniversary of the Second Baptist Church.