# Legislation Text

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To Honor and Recognize Bishop LaFayette Scales for over 41 Years of Ministry and to Celebrate his Retirement from Rhema Christian Center

**WHEREAS**, Bishop LaFayette Scales has faithfully served as the Founder and Senior Pastor of Rhema Christian Center for over 41 years, building a vibrant and spiritually rich ministry that has transformed countless lives in Columbus and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Scales has been a tireless servant-leader, exemplifying faith through action by consistently advocating for justice, uplifting the marginalized, and fostering unity across neighborhoods and congregations; and

**WHEREAS**, under Bishop Scales' visionary leadership, Rhema Christian Center became a cornerstone of community empowerment-offering youth development programs, outreach services, and initiatives to strengthen families and support those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Bishop Scales has mentored and trained generations of leaders, both within and beyond the pulpit, leaving a legacy of spiritual integrity, compassion, and excellence in ministry; and

**WHEREAS**, his dedication to faith-based civic engagement has extended far beyond the walls of the church, as Bishop Scales has served as a bridge between the faith community and civic institutions, bringing people together for meaningful change; and

**WHEREAS**, as he enters retirement, Bishop Scales leaves behind not only a legacy of service but also a blueprint for how to lead with love, live with purpose, and serve with unwavering faith; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council hereby honors and recognizes Bishop LaFayette Scales for over 41 years of ministry and to celebrate his retirement from Rhema Christian Center.



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