



RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF REVEREND DR. JOSEPH OSCAR BASS

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Joseph Oscar Bass was born January 23, 1932 in Vicksburg, Mississippi to the late Sylvester and Jeanette Simms-Bass. Rev. Dr. Bass departed this life Tuesday evening, June 15, 2021 in his sleep; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Bass accepted Christ at an early age. He was the founder and pastor of Alpha Baptist Church in Willingboro, New Jersey until his retirement. After he retired, he attended Parkway Baptist Church, the church he attended with his family when he first moved to Willingboro; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Bass was united in marriage to his college sweetheart, Charline D. Sanders on June 5, 1955 and they celebrated 66 years of marital bliss. Rev. Dr. Bass was employed with the Home Mission Board, the Progressive National Baptist Convention, and the American Baptist Convention prior to becoming the founder and pastor of the Alpha Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Bass was involved in numerous community service groups to include the Rotary Club in Willingboro and Bordentown; the Burlington County Interfaith Hospitality Network; the State of New Jersey prison ministry as a Chaplain; missionary in Bangkok, Thailand. Rev. Dr. Bass was also responsible for building the Alpha Complex which included the Alpha Baptist Church, the Alpha Childcare Center, Mamie's Hair Salon, and the May Funeral Home to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Bass was preceded in death by his sisters; Elizabeth Palmer, Ruther McFarland, and Rosalie Harris, and brothers; Sylvester, Allen, Willie, and Isaac Bass, mother; Mrs. Jeanette Sims-Bass, father; Mr. Sylvester Bass Sr., and Son-in-law Mr. Kevin Coleman; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Bass leaves to mourn and cherish his memory his loving wife Charline D. Bass, two loving daughters, Karen S. Bass (Kirk Housley), Julie Y. Coleman (Michael Holmes), three grandchildren, Michael A. and Allen J.R. Coleman, Samee M.T. Brown, two great grandchildren, Mikaila A. Coleman and Royal Coleman, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, *Dr. Tiffani A. Worthy*, Mayor of the Township of Willingboro, along with the Willingboro Township Council, and Willingboro residents do hereby honor the life of Rev. Dr. Joseph Oscar Bass.


Dr. Tiffani A. Worthy
Mayor



*In Witness whereof I
Hereunto Set My Hand
and Seal of Willingboro
Township this 28th, day
of June 2021*