

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL
Testimonial Resolution

REV. DR. JAMES J. MINNICK

- WHEREAS;** Rev. Dr. James J. Minnick, a dynamic and visionary leader, has faithfully served as Senior Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church—affectionately known as *The Mount*—since 2001, redefining ministry through transformative leadership, innovative vision, and deep community impact; and
- WHEREAS;** A proud lifelong native of Detroit, Pastor Minnick began his spiritual journey as a teenager under the mentorship of the late Rev. Collis O. Stewart, embracing a legacy grounded in family, outreach, and Christian education, upon which he continues to build with fresh inspiration for every generation; and
- WHEREAS;** Under his passionate leadership, The Mount has become a beacon of hope and empowerment, guided by groundbreaking vision campaigns such as *Vision 2020*, *V3*, and *The Next Chapter: A Legacy of Faith and Leadership*, which have expanded the church’s reach while transforming traditional worship and discipleship into a dynamic movement of forward-thinking faith; and
- WHEREAS;** Pastor Minnick has distinguished himself as a mentor and developer of emerging leaders, investing his time and wisdom through personalized guidance, leadership development initiatives, and strategic appointments, resulting in a sustainable pipeline of ministers, pastors, and change agents serving within and beyond the church; and
- WHEREAS;** His focus on inclusivity and empowerment has given rise to thriving ministries for children, youth, and seniors, ensuring that every member of the congregation is nurtured and equipped to recognize and exercise their unique God-given gifts; and
- WHEREAS;** His embrace of innovation, technology, and community-focused initiatives has expanded The Mount’s influence locally and globally, reinforcing a culture of shared leadership through the ordination of new ministers and the appointment of assistant pastors, thereby securing a legacy of servant-hearted leadership for generations to come; and **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT,**
- RESOLVED;** That Councilwoman Latisha Johnson, the Detroit City Council, and we, the members of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, family, friends, and community partners, do hereby honor and celebrate the extraordinary life, leadership, and ministry of **Rev. Dr. James J. Minnick**, recognizing his relentless commitment to faith, vision, and service, and commending him for shaping a legacy that uplifts both church and community.

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