



MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL Resolution

WHEREAS, the Memphis community lost a valued citizen and leader on Monday, July 18, 2022, with the passing of **Reverend Dr. Autura Eason-Williams**; and

WHEREAS, an active voice against racism and injustice, **Reverend Dr. Eason-Williams** was able to successfully minister, build friendships and working relationships across diverse communities in Memphis and the entire Southeast Jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, **Reverend Dr. Eason-Williams** answered her call to ministry in 1997 and began her successful career at her home church Centenary United Methodist Church in Memphis, Tennessee as a youth minister; later in her career, **Reverend Dr. Eason-Williams** was appointed Senior Pastor at Calvary Longview United Methodist Church and Capleville United Methodist Church before becoming the District Superintendent of the Metro District of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, **Reverend Dr. Eason-Williams** devoted her time, wisdom, and platform to her community by serving on a number of boards including Wesley Senior Ministries, Lakeshore, Wesley Foundation University of Memphis, Hannah's Hope, United Methodist Neighborhood Centers, New Church Development, and District Committee on Ministry; and

WHEREAS, the people who know and love **Reverend Dr. Eason-Williams** describe her as eager to embrace all of God's children with a warm smile, a compassionate mentor and colleague, a civic leader, and as a woman who believed in liberation for all people; and

WHEREAS, **Reverend Dr. Eason-Williams** leaves behind her husband, Darrell Eason-Williams, four children, three siblings, and her six nieces and nephews who will ensure that her legacy lives on; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Memphis City Council offers its sincere condolences to the family and echoes the desire of the citizens of Memphis in recognizing the loss of a great mother, wife, minister, and Memphian, **Reverend Dr. Eason-Williams**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, though ink and parchment are most inadequate to commemorate such a life of joy, effort, and faith, we nonetheless do spread upon the Records of the City of Memphis these words with sincere respect and condolences as we remember the honor in which **Reverend Dr. Eason-Williams** lived.

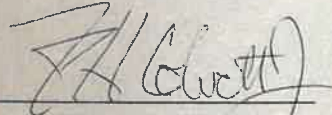
Given by my hand and under the
great seal of the City of Memphis
this 2nd day of August, 2022.



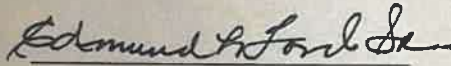
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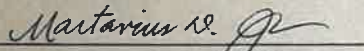

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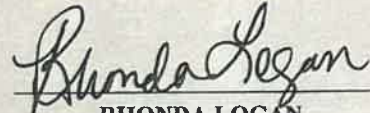

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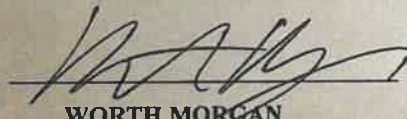

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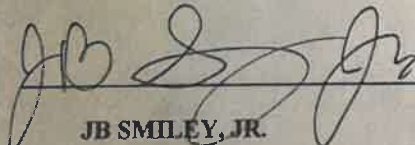

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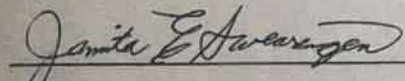

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