

RESOLUTION NO. 160525

Honoring the Swope Parkway Church of Christ on the occasion of its 80th Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration.

WHEREAS, the Swope Parkway congregation was established in 1936 with approximately four members in a facility located at 18th and Euclid in Kansas City Missouri; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of Marshall Keeble of Nashville, Tennessee and John O. Williams, the congregation's first full-time minister, the membership grew, making it necessary to relocate to locations at 1919 East 11th Street, 1330 Michigan, and 3900 Michigan Avenue, respectively; and

WHEREAS, J.O. Williams, Russell Moore, Leon Carter, William S. Tucker, Gene Derrick, Jimmy Richards, and David Shows served as ministers during this period of growth and expansion; and

WHEREAS, Marion Holt, Sr. was installed as minister of the Swope Parkway congregation on December 12, 1958, and under his eighteen years of exemplary leadership the congregation initiated a number of programs like the Willing Workers for Christian Education, the Samaritan Sisters, the Midwest Regional Singing, the Midwest Regional Youth Conference, and the National Christian Singles Seminar; and

WHEREAS, growth prompted the congregation to relocate once again to its current location at 5620 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri 64130 in 1972; and

WHEREAS, under its present minister, Laron Evans, the Swope Parkway Church of Christ serves as a congregation that meets the needs of the poor and marginalized families in its community and that serves as a place of fellowship, guidance, and spiritual direction for the Kansas City metropolitan area and beyond; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby extend to the members of the Swope Parkway Church of Christ their most heartfelt greetings and acknowledge the deep history of the church and its integral place in Kansas City's faith community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that copies hereof be presented to the minister, leaders and members of the Swope Parkway Church of Christ with all the best wishes of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City.



Authenticated as Passed


Sly James, Mayor


Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

JUL 14 2016

Date Passed