

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 19

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Houston on the grand occasion of its 100th anniversary, which will be celebrated on October 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church was established in 1923 by Rev. Eltee Williams and three founding members of the congregation; in 1930, Pastor M. C. Williams became the spiritual leader of the church, and his teachings and enthusiasm attracted additional members to the small, barnlike structure to hear his words of ministry; and

WHEREAS, The growing ecclesia relocated to a new facility in 1941 and began constructing a two-story educational building with classrooms, a kitchen and dining area, and a Sunday school assembly hall; after the death of Pastor M. C. Williams in 1958, his son, Floyd Nathaniel Williams, was selected by the congregation to serve as pastor, and one year later, the church moved to its newly erected place of worship; and

WHEREAS, Under the outstanding leadership of Rev. F. N. Williams, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church witnessed exponential growth with the development of new departments, programs, and auxiliary positions as well as numerous outreach ministries to serve the community across all areas of need; and

WHEREAS, When the church's roof collapsed in 1971, Pastor Williams encouraged his congregation to take heart and rebuild, and in 1975, they established their newest church facility where the congregation continues to gather in worship and fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Through the faith and perseverance of church members and the dedication and leadership of the church's clergy and its current pastor Rev. F. N. Williams, the church has had an extraordinary impact on the lives of countless individuals and families throughout the past century, and it is truly fitting that the church receive special recognition on reaching this remarkable milestone in its history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the leaders and members of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church on their contributions to the Acres Homes community and extend to all best wishes for a memorable 100th anniversary celebration and for continued success in their ministry; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

Whitmire

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 12, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate