

RESOLUTION

NO.

WHEREAS, Bishop L.D. Skinner, Sr. of the Bread of Life Christian Center passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at Piedmont Columbus Regional Hospital;

WHEREAS, Bishop Skinner was born in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, son of the late Richard and Alethia Bembyr Skinner;

WHEREAS, Bishop Skinner graduated from the North Carolina College of Theology earning a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies, Master of Arts in Theology, and Doctorate in Biblical Studies;

WHEREAS, Bishop Skinner additionally earned a Doctor of Divinity Degree from Christ United Theological School, and completed course work at Columbus State University and Trenton State University;

WHEREAS, Bishop Skinner was a three-term Vice President of the Columbus Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, former Vice President of the Columbus NAACP, former Chaplain and Counselor at the House of Mercy, former Volunteer Chaplain at Rutledge Correctional Institution and former Member of the Metro Columbus Clergy Association;

WHEREAS, he recently served as Board Chairman of the Greater Columbus Urban League, Board Member of the Columbus Salvation Army, Board Member of Tree of Life Health Clinic and Member of the Joint College of African American Pentecostal Bishops; Member of the NAACP, and Volunteer Life Recovery & Addiction Instructor at Valley Rescue;

WHEREAS, Bishop Skinner founded the Bread of Life Christian Center in 1984, was the Presiding Bishop and Founder of Explosion Ministries Fellowship Association of Churches, a retired insurance executive with Prudential Financial, and an U.S. Army veteran of eight years, having served in Vietnam;

WHEREAS, Bishop Skinner was the first recipient of the Rev. Albert McCorvey Religious Leadership Award from the NAACP, received the 2013 Board Member of the Year Circle of Excellence Award from the Urban League, 2011 Instructor of the Year Award from Valley Rescue Mission; and recipient of various service, leadership and production awards from Prudential Financial;

WHEREAS, Bishop Skinner is the author of four life-impacting books, "Overcoming Grasshopper Mentality - How to Whip Negative Thinking in Eleven Easy Steps", "Pray an Awesome Weapon", "Encounters with God" and his latest book, "Ordered Stops";

WHEREAS, Bishop Skinner is survived by his loving and devoted wife and co-minister, Lady Ruth McDaniel Skinner, three sons, Pastor L. Darnel Skinner, Jr. (First Lady Arnece Skinner), Darrell L. Skinner (Minister LaTeasha Skinner), Darius L. Skinner, and eleven grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES:

We hereby express our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to the family of Bishop L. D. Skinner, Sr., founder of Bread of Life Christian Center. His legacy of pastoral care and activism in the Columbus community will long be remembered.

Let a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the family of Bishop L. D. Skinner, Sr.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 25th day of August, 2020, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of Council.

Councilor Allen	voting <u>yes</u> .
Councilor Barnes	voting <u>yes</u> .
Councilor Crabb	voting <u>yes</u> .
Councilor Davis	voting <u>yes</u> .
Councilor Garrett	voting <u>yes</u> .
Councilor House	voting <u>yes</u> .
Councilor Huff	voting <u>yes</u> .
Councilor Thompson	voting <u>yes</u> .
Councilor Tucker	voting <u>yes</u> .
Councilor Woodson	voting <u>yes</u> .

SANDRA T. DAVIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL

B.H. "SKIP" HENDERSON, III
MAYOR