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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2023

RECOGNIZING the late Bishop Paul Alexander Bowers as a 2023 Black History Month honoree, and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for his life and legacy of tireless service and invaluable impact in the City of Cincinnati.

WHEREAS, Bishop Bowers began serving in Cincinnati in 1957 as pastor of Emanuel Tabernacle on Wehrman Avenue in Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, by 1964, the congregation had grown by hundreds of members and purchased another house of worship at 3108 Savoy Place, thanks to the faithful efforts of Bishop Bowers and the late First Lady Elma Jean Bowers; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Bowers graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Science degree, and educated Cincinnati Public School students until he was called to full-time ministry in 1968; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 Bishop Bowers became the leader of Greater Emanuel Apostolic Temple on West Galbraith Road; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Bowers remained true in his commitment to his congregation at Greater Emanuel Apostolic Temple, while ultimately serving as Presiding Bishop of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, the highest position in the worldwide church; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Bowers was a visionary in renovating and building houses of worship and community assistance throughout the world, including the Haywood Mission Institute in Liberia, West Africa, the international headquarters of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World in Indianapolis, Indiana, and the Hallowed Hills Campground in Zanesville, Ohio, an event center for youth empowerment; and

WHEREAS, before and after his passing on January 28, 2019, Bishop Bowers remained a beloved and inspirational leader for a legion of Cincinnati residents; and

WHEREAS, in February 2023, the intersection of West Galbraith Road and Kirkland Drive in Springfield Township, Ohio will be renamed in honor of Bishop Bowers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby recognize the late Bishop Paul Alexander Bowers as a 2023 Black History Month honoree, for his life and legacy of tireless service and invaluable impact in the City of Cincinnati.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council, and that a copy be provided to the leadership of Greater Emanuel Apostolic Temple through the office of Councilmember Scotty Johnson.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Scotty Johnson