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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 90839 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS ZAC UNGER & ROWENA BROWN

**RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
CEREMONIAL ANNIVERSARY OF MEMORIAL TABERNACLE
CHURCH AND HONORING ITS FOUNDERS, LEADERS, AND
GENERATIONS OF SERVICE TO OAKLAND DISTRICT 1 AND THE
CITY OF OAKLAND AT LARGE**

WHEREAS, September 21, 2025, marks the 100th anniversary of Memorial Tabernacle Church, a faith institution whose leadership and membership have demonstrated steadfast commitment to the North Oakland community and its environs; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, Bishop Judge King and his wife, Mother Sarah King, established a mission church in Oakland after moving from San Francisco, beginning in a two-story house on Seventh Street in West Oakland; and

WHEREAS, under their ministry, the church grew and relocated to 1711-7th Street in the 1930s, where it remained until 1960 when the congregation was forced to move due to eminent domain by the U.S. Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years, Memorial Tabernacle Church has remained rooted in Oakland, serving as a leading pillar of the classical Pentecostal church tradition; and

WHEREAS, the church's evolution reflects its commitment to faith, service, and community leadership, from its beginnings as Seventh Street Mission (1925), later Christ Holy Sanctified Church, Oakland, to its formal name Memorial Tabernacle Church (MTC) in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ulysses S. King, Sr., together with Mother Tryphosa King, advanced the church nationally and internationally, serving as spiritual leaders, administrators, organizers, and preachers and musicians; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Bishop Ulysses Stephen King, Jr., Memorial Tabernacle Church has grown into an influential center of community engagement and service in Oakland, within its denomination, and in the broader faith community, recognized for its compassion and responsiveness to the needs of residents while guiding seven generations of members in partnership with the church's ministerial leadership; and as he builds upon the

foundation established by his grandparents and father in 1925, Bishop Ulysses continues to provide thoughtful leadership, vision, and planning; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ulysses and Lady Tiffany Grant King stand firm in their commitment to community, and the call for MTC to be a beacon of light and hope for all; thus the Oakland community has benefitted from the community outreach this church has exerted through the years, and the many facets of its outreach and practical assistance to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Tabernacle Church has continuously demonstrated its deep commitment to the well-being and empowerment of the Oakland community by leading programs such as the YGG recycling initiative to promote environmental stewardship; organizing outreach efforts to serve the unhoused with food, clothing, and essential supplies; partnering with local education administrators to uplift and inspire youth; hosting vibrant street fairs and summits to promote health & wellness, entrepreneurship, community collaboration while celebrating local businesses and organizations; supporting anti-human trafficking efforts through partnerships with "Love Never Fails" and similar organizations; providing critical civic education by hosting voter information forums; and cultivating a community garden, Garden of Joy, that promotes food preservation and mental wellness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland honors Memorial Tabernacle Church's 100th anniversary; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland recognizes and honors the 100th anniversary of Memorial Tabernacle Church on September 21, 2025; congratulates the church for its century of faith, leadership, and service; commends its leaders and members for their continued dedication to Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, SEP 15 2025

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

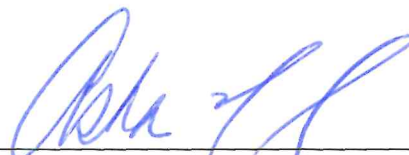
AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:



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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

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