

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
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Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 070332)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing, Honoring, and Celebrating Senior Minister Emeritus Reverend William H. Gray, III on His Retirement after Thirty-Five Years as Pastor of Bright Hope Baptist Church; and Thanking Him for His Extraordinary Vision, Leadership and Commitment.

WHEREAS, In 1972, Reverend Gray began his ministry of thirty-five years as pastor of Bright Hope, during which time he enabled the congregation to become a spiritual force in the Philadelphia Community, and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Reverend Gray was elected to the United States House of Representatives, where he served, with distinction, for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as a U.S. Representative, he became the first African American Majority Whip, and Chaired the House Budget and Appropriations Committee; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gray served as President and CEO of the United Negro College Fund, and led efforts that raised more than a third of the One Billion Dollars that this fund has raised since its inception; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gray's commitment to servant leadership extended beyond the Philadelphia Community to impact the lives of individuals through the United States, and the World; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it Recognizes, Honors, and Celebrates Senior Minister Emeritus Reverend William H. Gray, III on His Retirement after Thirty-Five Years as Pastor of Bright Hope Baptist Church; and Thanks Him for His Extraordinary Vision, Leadership and Commitment

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the nineteenth of April, 2007.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Rizzo, Tasco, Clarke, Reynolds Brown and Miller

Sponsored by: Council President Verna, Councilmembers Rizzo, Tasco, Clarke, Reynolds Brown, Miller, Greenlee, Kelly, DiCicco, Krajewski, Goode, Kenney, Blackwell, Ramos, Savage, O'Neill and Campbell