

1 Introduced by Council Member Morgan:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2023-32**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE  
6 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF REVEREND GARRY L.  
7 WIGGINS, PASTOR OF EVANGEL TEMPLE; PROVIDING AN  
8 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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10 **WHEREAS**, Garry Leroy Wiggins, a native of Demopolis, Alabama,  
11 moved to Jacksonville as a youth in 1964. He graduated from Ed White  
12 High School and attended Southeastern University in Lakeland,  
13 Florida, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical  
14 Studies; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 1977 Mr. Wiggins was named the youth pastor at  
16 Evangel Temple Assembly of God on Ramona Boulevard where his father,  
17 Cecil Wiggins, was Pastor. He was ordained in 1979, was appointed Co-  
18 Pastor in 1982 and succeeded his father upon his passing as Pastor  
19 of Evangel Temple in 2010; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Pastor Wiggins was a leading voice in Jacksonville's  
21 faith community, collaborating, coordinating with and inspiring other  
22 religious leaders and congregations to put faith into action to  
23 address the community's needs; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Pastor Wiggins served on dozens of non-profit boards  
25 and leadership teams for events such as the Billy Graham Crusade,  
26 Franklin Graham Crusade, Interfaith Coalitions for multiple mayors,  
27 CPR, the Justice Coalition and many others. When Jacksonville hosted  
28 Super Bowl XXXIX in 2005 he was even able to get the NFL to sanction  
29 a community relief event in partnership with Convoy of Hope; and

30 **WHEREAS**, Pastor Wiggins was deeply devoted to missionary work,  
31 leading over 120 trips to over 40 countries on four continents to

1 build churches, schools and medical clinics as part of his  
2 evangelization mission and inspiring his church to raise over \$8  
3 million to support missionary efforts around the world; and

4 **WHEREAS,** a devoted husband, father and grandfather, Garry  
5 Wiggins was an active outdoorsman, sportsman, and loved to spend  
6 quality time with family and friends; now therefore

7 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

8 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commemorates  
9 the life and tremendous accomplishments of Pastor Garry Wiggins of  
10 Evangel Temple Assembly of God on the occasion of his passing, and  
11 extends to his family, friends and congregants the Council's sincere  
12 condolences. Pastor Wiggins was a powerful force for good in our  
13 community and his life and legacy will be long and gratefully  
14 remembered.

15 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
16 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
17 without the Mayor's signature.

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19 Form Approved:

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21  /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

22 Office of General Counsel

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