

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2022-422**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING BISHOP PAUL
6 ZINK ON A LIFETIME OF SERVICE THROUGH CHURCHES
7 AND SCHOOL; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS**, Bishop Paul Zink, born in Brazil, Indiana, grew up in
10 several cities around the country as the son of Rev. Dale C. Zink,
11 who pastored churches in Ohio, Indiana, Texas, and Florida, including
12 serving as Pastor of the Southside Assembly of God on Philips Highway
13 in Jacksonville; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Paul Zink attended Southeastern College in Lakeland,
15 Florida before earning his bachelor's degree at Zoe College (now Zoe
16 University) in Jacksonville. He then followed in his father's
17 footsteps, first as the choir director and then as his successor as
18 Pastor of Southside Assembly of God; and

19 **WHEREAS**, following a brief stint with a church in Maine, Bishop
20 Zink and his wife Sharon returned to Jacksonville in 1984 and founded
21 New Life Christian Fellowship on Hodges Boulevard in East Arlington,
22 a church that has grown in size and impact in the nearly 40 succeeding
23 years. In 2014, Bishop Zink turned over the pastorship of New Life
24 Christian Fellowship to his son, Rev. Paul Zink II to take new
25 directions in his work; and

26 **WHEREAS**, in 1997 Bishop Zink achieved one of his greatest goals
27 with the founding of the Providence School on the New Life campus.
28 From a modest start, the school has grown to be one of the premier
29 private educational institutions in Jacksonville, promoting academic,
30 spiritual, artistic and athletic excellence in an atmosphere of
31 deeply-felt values and high standards. Today the school enrolls over

1 1,500 students in grades K-12 and has earned a reputation for
2 outstanding achievement in every area of its curriculum; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Bishop Zink has spent decades in the field of ministry,
4 helping to found and run ministries and churches where he was called,
5 and serving on the boards of directors of leading institutions such
6 as Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma and the Yoido Full
7 Gospel Church, the world's largest religious congregation,
8 headquartered in Seoul, South Korea; now therefore

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

10 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby honors and commends
11 Bishop Paul Zink for his lifetime of service to the community through
12 his religious and educational ministries. Bishop Zink has devoted his
13 life, as did his father before him and as his sons are also doing,
14 to serving the spiritual, temporal and educational needs of his
15 congregants and has founded and grown two of Jacksonville's signature
16 institutions. The Council wishes Bishop Zink many more years of faith-
17 filled, productive service to society.

18 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
19 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
20 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

27 Office of General Counsel

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