

1 Introduced by Council Member Ferraro and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Gaffney, Becton, Morgan, DeFoor, Bowman, Dennis, & Freeman:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2022-422-A**

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

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

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

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

1 deeply-felt values and high standards. Today the school enrolls over  
2 1,500 students in grades K-12 and has earned a reputation for  
3 outstanding achievement in every area of its curriculum; and

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

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

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

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

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24 Form Approved:

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27           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

28 Office of General Counsel

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