

1 Introduced by Council Member Morgan and Co-Sponsored by Council  
2 Members Clark-Murray, Diamond, Newby, Becton, Ferraro, Freeman, and  
3 Pittman:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2023-32-A**

7 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE  
8 AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF REVEREND GARRY L.  
9 WIGGINS, PASTOR OF EVANGEL TEMPLE; PROVIDING AN  
10 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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12 **WHEREAS**, Garry Leroy Wiggins, a native of Demopolis, Alabama,  
13 moved to Jacksonville as a youth in 1964. He graduated from Ed White  
14 High School and attended Southeastern University in Lakeland,  
15 Florida, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical  
16 Studies; and

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

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

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

1           **WHEREAS,** Pastor Wiggins was deeply devoted to missionary work,  
2 leading over 120 trips to over 40 countries on four continents to  
3 build churches, schools and medical clinics as part of his  
4 evangelization mission and inspiring his church to raise over \$8  
5 million to support missionary efforts around the world; and

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

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

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

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

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21 Form Approved:

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23                     /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos          

24 Office of General Counsel

25 Legislation prepared by: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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