

RESOLUTION NUMBER 323
Bishop William Henry Watson

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to note the passing of Bishop William Henry Watson; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Watson graduated with a Master's Degree of Theology from Oakland University, a Bachelor's Degree of Music Education from Wichita State University and an Associate of Arts Degree from Cowley County Community College; and

WHEREAS, his ecclesiastical administrative functions included: 1st Vice-Chairman: Board of Bishops, Church of God in Christ, Inc., Corresponding Secretary: Board of Bishop, Church of God in Christ, Inc., Jurisdictional Bishop: Texas Northwest Church of God in Christ, Inc., Pastor: Agape Temple Church of God in Christ, First Administrative Assistant: Church of God in Christ TNW, Executive Secretary: Church of God in Christ TNW, District Superintendent: Lubbock District, Pastor: Greater Prayer House Church of God in Christ - Lamesa, Texas and Ordained Elder: Kansas East Jurisdiction, Churches of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Watson's professional background included: Estacado High School, and Alderson Jr. High School, Texas Band Director, Coordinator, "On Job Training Program"/U. S. Department of Labor, Assistant Planner, City of Lubbock, City Planners Association of Texas, Kansas City, Kansas Wyandotte High School Band Director, Dexter, Kansas Elementary / Jr. High / Sr. High Band and Vocal Instructor, Varsity Football Coach / Varsity Baseball Coach, Arkansas City, Kansas Elementary / Jr. High School Band and Vocal Instructor and Cowley County Community College / Vocal Instructor/ Black Gospel Choir; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Watson served his community as a Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapist, Chancellor's Minority Community Advisory Council (Texas Tech University) member and City of Lubbock 2005 Committee Texas State Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Board member; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Watson is survived by his wife, Arnedra, is a retired Computer Instructor Lubbock Independent School District; two children: William H. Watson III, Pastor, Alexander Chapel COGIC, Superintendent – Lubbock #2 District and his wife, Stacy P. Caviel-Watson, Asst. Principal – Estacado High School and Le' Gena Collins, Teacher, Lubbock Independent School District and her husband, Daryl J. Collins, Co-Pastor – Agape Temple COGIC; and grandchildren: Alisha Michelle Collins, Elizabeth Ashley Collins, Taylor Nicole Watson, Stephen Christopher Collins and William Cullen Watson, IV; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause to remember the many contributions of Bishop William Henry Watson and we join with his many friends in expressing our sorrow at his passing, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation to the Watson family, at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 9th day of March, 2012 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this 9th day of March, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen