

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2017

A RESOLUTION HONORING REV. DR. CHARLES MACKEY DANIELS BY DEDICATING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF 17TH AND WEST CHESTNUT STREETS TO BE NAMED “DR. C. MACKEY DANIELS WAY” IN HIS HONOR.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA SEXTON SMITH

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Charles Mackey Daniels is a native of Greenville, South Carolina who came to Louisville in 1977 to be the pastor of the West Chestnut Street Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels has been the pastor at West Chestnut Street Baptist Church for nearly 40 years.

WHEREAS, during his time as pastor, Dr. Daniels has expanded the church’s youth and outreach ministries, as well as its physical structure by building a \$1.3M Christian Life Center, and has improved the church’s beautification and strengthened its property assets and fiscal management.

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels has also established the C. Mackey Daniels Scholarships to provide financial assistance to college-bound students, and a Bridge to Success program to help youth get ahead rather than having to play “catch up” in life.

WHEREAS, under Dr. Daniels leadership, his church has partnered with the Highland Presbyterian Church to embark on innovative, community ministries that include a court monitoring program, a reading program in the poorest elementary schools, a pulpit exchange, and annual joint worship service, all which have been interracial bridge builders that enhance on-going racial harmony.

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels has a BA and BD from Morris College and has been awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity from both Morris College and Simmons College of Kentucky.

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels has served as President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention and is currently a member of the World Council of Churches, the

National Council of Churches, the Baptist Joint Committee, the Congress of National Black Churches, Inc., and U of L's Upward Bound, and is a Lifetime Member of the NAACP, Urban League, and Trustee of Simmons Bible College. He is the Vice President of the Jefferson County Board of Education and a board member for the Religious Conference Managers Association, Jefferson County Juvenile Prevention, and One Louisville. He is also a hearing panelist for the Louisville/Jefferson County Human Relations Commission and the first Black arbitrator for the Courts of Jefferson County for the Kentucky Bar Association.

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels has been honored as one of Ebony Magazine's 100+ Influential Black Americans and has a dormitory at Morris College dedicated in his honor.

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniels is a great leader and is committed to being a voice for minorities and other disadvantaged citizens and his work is appreciated by Metro Louisville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: Rev. Dr. Charles Mackey Daniels service to Louisville Metro is hereby recognized with the placement of honorary street sign at the southeast corner of 17th and West Chestnut Streets in Louisville, Kentucky, and so designated as "Dr. C. Mackey Daniels Way."

SECTION II: The Department of Public Works is hereby directed to move forward with fabrication and installation of honorary signs upon the passage of this Resolution and the receipt of funds to cover the expense.

SECTION III: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

H. Stephen Ott
Metro Council Clerk

David Yates
President of the Council

Greg Fischer
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: _____

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