



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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RESOLUTION NO. 250882

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RESOLUTION

Renaming the intersection at 21st Street and Godfrey Avenue to "Rev. C. L. Pryor Way" in honor of Reverend C. L. Pryor, a visionary leader, community servant, and longtime pastor of Corinthian Baptist Church of Germantown.

WHEREAS, Reverend C. L. Pryor arrived in Philadelphia in June of 1974 to assume the role of Pastor at Corinthian Baptist Church of Germantown, and quickly became a beacon of faith, hope, and community engagement in the City; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the church expanded its ministries and outreach significantly, including the creation of a Youth Department, a formal scholarship ministry, and the Corinthian Christian Academy, a private school serving pre-school through 5th grade with certified educators; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Pryor championed initiatives that met tangible needs, including the establishment of a Food Bank Ministry, Fun Day community outreach events, senior-focused programs like Happy Hearts, and strong partnerships with local law enforcement to ensure church and neighborhood safety; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Pryor served not only the church but also the larger Philadelphia community through civic engagement, board service with organizations such as the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention, Center in the Park, Imhotep Institute Charter High School, and more, always advocating for justice, education, and equity; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong proponent of civil rights, Reverend Pryor's early activism as a college student in Richmond, Virginia, where he was among 34 students arrested in sit-ins for racial equality. This marked the beginning of a lifetime commitment to justice, which continued in his ministry and public service in Philadelphia; and

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WHEREAS, His leadership ordained and empowered numerous ministers, cultivated future church leaders, and introduced dynamic ministries such as the Young Adult Choir, Praise Dancers, and C.R.O.S.S. Mime (Children Representing Our Sovereign Savior), ensuring that faith was expressed and experienced across all generations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That the intersection at 21st Street and Godfrey Avenue shall hereby be named “Rev. C. L. Pryor Way” in recognition of his extraordinary service, faith leadership, and unwavering commitment to the spiritual and social uplift of the Germantown community and the City of Philadelphia at large.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this Resolution be presented to the Corinthian Baptist Church of Germantown in acknowledgment of Reverend C. L. Pryor’s enduring legacy.