

## Legislation Text

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Congratulating Reverend Dr. Alyn E. Waller on his “Silver Anniversary” at Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, In July 1994, the Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church called Dr. Alyn E. Waller to lead them as their Senior Pastor. Since then, Enon has seen unprecedented spiritual and numerical growth; and

WHEREAS, As a result of this growth, in July 2006, Enon became “one church in two locations” with the development of a new church campus, which includes a 5,000-seat sanctuary, a prayer room, a computer lab, classrooms, a Family Life Center (for banquets, a summer sports camp and ministry events), and a “big backyard” for the youth ministry to participate in competitive team sports; and

WHEREAS, To serve a congregation of over 10,000 members, Enon holds three weekend worship services (with internet live-streaming), multiple prayer opportunities, and three weekly Bible studies at Enon and Center City Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Waller draws on his love for people to shape God’s vision for Enon, “A Place Where People Encounter God,” through over 75 innovative ministries. Enon regularly hosts various community awareness events and health and wellness initiatives that offer AIDS testing and other critical health screenings; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Waller’s outreach extends far beyond the walls of Enon through local community activism and radio, television, and social media commentary. Internationally, he served as the President of the Lott Carey Global Christian Missional Community and, through Enon, has established church locations throughout South Africa. Also, Dr. Waller has preached in South Korea to over 100,000 persons and has presented at an Oxford University roundtable on religious theory; and

WHEREAS, The heart of Dr. Waller’s ministry can be felt through his musical gifts. In 2004, Dr. Waller released his CD, “With His Permission” and has supported various Enon CD music projects. In 2015, Enon and Pastor Waller founded the Enon Music Group record label and released, “Dr. Alyn E. Waller Presents Enon Tabernacle The Experience.” Additionally, Dr. Waller has opened for Mary Mary, the Clark Sisters, and Fred Hammond, and has headlined the “Celebration of Gospel” at the Mann Music Center (Philadelphia); and

WHEREAS, A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Waller earned a B.S. in Music Business from Ohio University, an M.Div. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; a D.Min. in Ministry to Marriage and Family from Palmer Theological Seminary, and an honorary doctorate from Lincoln University. Dr. Waller served previously as Minister of Music at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church (Louisville, KY) and Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Donora (PA). He is the author of Enjoy Your Journey: Our Quest for a Deeper Relationship with Christ (2006) and Hope for the Journey: Believing God is Enough When the Road Gets Rough (2011); and

WHEREAS, A highly sought-after revivalist, vocalist, and lecturer, Dr. Waller is a true visionary of the church and the community who serves humanity far beyond the restraints of traditionalism. His partner in marriage and ministry is Dr. Elynn Jo Waller, the leader of Enon’s Women’s Ministry. Their beloved family members include daughters Elynn Morgan and Eryka Lynn, son-in-law Corey, and granddaughter Kori; and

WHEREAS, This year - 2019 - marks Dr. Waller's 25th year at Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby congratulates Reverend Dr. Alyn E. Waller on his "Silver Anniversary" at Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church.