

Legislation Text

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Honoring and Congratulating The Reverend Canon Thomas Wilson Stearly Logan, Sr. for over 73 years of devoted service to the Episcopal Church, and on the great occasion of his 100th Birthday.

WHEREAS, The Reverend Logan was born in Philadelphia on March 19, 1912, the son of a minister and a teacher. He graduated from Lincoln University in 1935, and three years later, he earned his Bachelor of Sacred Theology from General Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, In 1941, The Reverend Logan received his Master of Sacred Theology from Philadelphia Divinity School, and later received five honorary doctorates and went on to complete doctorates in divinity and theology. He was one of eight siblings to finish college, which education and accomplishment were a priority in the Logan family; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Logan was ordained to the diaconate in 1938, and to the priesthood the following year. Upon his ordination, he pastored churches in Yonkers, New York City, and his hometown of Philadelphia. In addition, he served as interim priest at the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, and Chaplain for the Philadelphia Presbyterian Hospital and Philadelphia Police Department; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, the Reverend Logan spent his dedicated ministry serving on numerous commissions and community groups as well as in parochial leadership. He served the Church and society in a number of leadership roles including Diocesan Council and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, President of Hampton University Ministers' Conference, President of the Homeless Fund and National Church Workers Conference U.S.A., and many, many, more; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Logan was one of the Founders of the National Conference of Black Episcopalians and is a life-long member of the Union of Black Episcopalians, and life-long member and former board member of the NAACP for Philadelphia and Darby, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Logan is the longest serving and oldest member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He has also been a leader in a number of fraternal and civic organizations, such as Past President of the Tribune Charities, and one of the Founders of the Afro-American Museum; and

WHEREAS, Upon his retirement in 1984, The Reverend Logan received the title Rector Emeritus of Calvary Northern Liberties Church in Philadelphia where he served since 1945. He has been recognized by the Church and community for his many accomplishments and has been a recipient of numerous awards; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Logan and his wife of 68 years, Hermione, are the parents of one son, Thomas W.S. Logan, Jr., and proud grandparents to five grandchildren; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we recognize and honor The

Reverend Logan who has led a long and distinguished career as one of Philadelphia's most prominent Episcopal ministers, most notably as longtime Rector of the historic Calvary Northern Liberties Church. We also congratulate him on the great occasion of his 100th Birthday. At present, he is the oldest serving African American priest in the Episcopal Church, USA.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to The Reverend Canon Thomas Wilson Stearly Logan, Sr. as evidence of the sincere sentiment of this legislative body.