

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 288609

ADOPTED ON MAY 05 1997

WHEREAS, Pastor Tommie Bennett, originally from Texas, arrived in San Diego in 1939; and

WHEREAS, her ministry began by tending for the infirmed, which involved carrying a "little sunshine" to patients in the various hospitals around San Diego such as Paradise Valley, Community, and Mercy Hospital; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging the call that God had given her to minister, she began to volunteer her time at the YWCA, located at 29th and Clay Street; and

WHEREAS, her service and ministry to God were not limited to only church involvement, she also held the prestigious title of a reporter for the first Black newspaper called The Light House; and

WHEREAS, she enhanced her own skills and experience by attending San Diego Vocational School, and completed a course on sewing and tailoring; and

WHEREAS, she began helping young mothers out of her home, teaching them to make clothes and encouraging them to be watchful of their children by keeping them clean and off the streets; and

WHEREAS, several years after the untimely death of her first husband Deacon Perry, she married Obie Bennett, Pastor of Woodlawn Park C.O.G.I.C.; and

WHEREAS, they founded what is known today as Community House of Prayer C.O.G.I.C.; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bennet continues her faithful service to God, now as Pastor of Community House of Prayer C.O.G.I.C., since the death of Pastor Obie Bennet; and

WHEREAS, Bishop George Dallas McKinney ordained and appointed her as Pastor to succeed her late husband, and this year will celebrate her fifty-year anniversary of faithful service to the ministry; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby commends Pastor Tommie G. Bennett for fifty years of unselfish ministry, dedication and devotion to the entire City of San Diego.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that May 10, 1997 be and is hereby proclaimed to be "PASTOR TOMMIE G. BENNETT DAY" in The City of San Diego.

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