

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 293043

ADOPTED ON MAY 1 2000

WHEREAS, Shadrach Meshach Lockridge was born March 7, 1913 in Robertson County Texas to Reverend Le Roy and Mrs. Demover Lockridge; and

WHEREAS, he attended elementary school in Waxahachi, Texas and graduated from A.J. Moore High School in Waco, Texas, Bishop College in Marshall, Texas and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, Linda Vista Baptist College and Seminary in San Diego, California, California Graduate School of Theology in Glendale, California, and California Baptist College in Riverside, California; and

WHEREAS, Rev. S.M. Lockridge was baptized at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Waco, Texas under the pastorage of Rev. H.L. Thomas and acknowledged the call to preach on October 13, 1940 at the Munger Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, where Dr. B.O. Byrd was pastor; and

WHEREAS, Rev. S.M. and Mrs. Virgil Mae Lockridge were joined in marriage on May 7, 1941 and his first pastorate was the Fourth Ward Baptist Church of Ennis, Texas where he served from 1941 to 1942; and

WHEREAS, he went on to become Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church in Mexia, Texas from 1942 to 1949 and in 1949, he began serving as Pastor of the Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, Rev. S.M. Lockridge accepted the Pastorate of the Calvary Baptist Church on the first Sunday in August 1952 and during his leadership, his ministry has reached over 100,000 and has baptized over 5,000 persons; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Lockridge served as Moderator of the Progressive Baptist District Association, President of the California Missionary Baptist State Convention, and President of the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America and as a Faculty Member at the Billy Graham School of Evangelism, the Greater Los Angeles Sunday School Convention, and the California Graduate School of Theology; and

WHEREAS, he was Vice Chair of the Billy Graham Crusade in San Diego, recipient of the Faithful Service Award as Pastor and Evangelist from the National Black Evangelical

Society, Outstanding Community Service Equal Opportunity Award from the San Diego Urban League, and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Lockridge was active during the Civil Rights Movement and hosted many civil rights leaders as speakers at Calvary Baptist Church, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Minister Louis Farrakhan, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., and Councilman George Stevens and was a contributing member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.) and the San Diego Urban League; and

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the City of San Diego, hereby recognizes Rev. S.M. Lockridge for the positive example he set for others and the inspiration he was to many; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that April 12, 2000 be and is hereby proclaimed to be “**Rev. S.M. Lockridge Day**” in The City of San Diego in honor of his kindness in the face of criticism, the hardship he suffered without complaining, and his always abounding love for people.

APPROVED: CASEY GWINN, City Attorney

By Stuart H. Swett  
Stuart H. Swett  
Deputy City Attorney

SHS:smf  
04/10/2000  
Or.Dept:Council-Stevens  
R-2000-1178  
Form=proclaim.res