



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 25, 1985

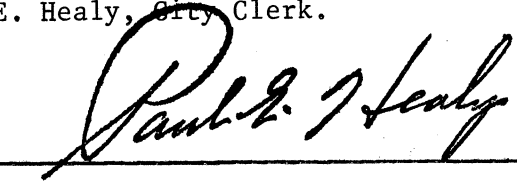
COUNCILLOR GRAHAM

- WHEREAS: It is with a mixture of sadness and pride that the Union Baptist Church in Cambridge announces the resignation of its Pastor of ten years, Reverend Melvin G. Brown on Sunday, December 15, 1985, who will soon thereafter enter his new sphere of service in Washington, D.C.; and
- WHEREAS: Reverend Brown's pastorate of the oldest Black church in Cambridge has been marked by growth and change in the church, and by his deep involvement in the community in such ways as church membership has risen over twenty percent, new choirs have been formed, two women have been ordained to the ministry; and by serving on several community boards; and making a major contribution as Chaplain of the Afro-American Police Officers' Association and President of the United Baptist Convention of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire; and
- WHEREAS: Reverend Brown's work within the context of Union Baptist Church has been no less note-worthy; he first served the church as Minister of Youth, a position from which he was called to serve as Interim Pastor from 1975 to 1978, and was formally installed as Pastor in 1976; and
- WHEREAS: A 1977 graduate of the Harvard Divinity School, Reverend Brown is an intriguing mixture-fiery, energetic, inspiring preacher; earnest, well-read, curious, insightful scholar; devoted, conscientious family man; shy, almost retiring, yet humorous in personal interaction; and
- WHEREAS: Reverend Brown and his wife Avery of eighteen years have six children, John, Bessie, Samuel, Andre, Melvin Jasper and Anthony, all who are well known and loved in Black the church circles locally and nationally; and
- WHEREAS: On Tuesday, December 10, the Union Baptist Church bids its formal farewell to Reverend Brown and his family at a banquet to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, and on Sunday, December 15, Reverend Brown will preach his farewell sermon at the Union; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council goes on record congratulating Reverend Melvin G. Brown on his new pastorate and wishes him and his family well as they travel to Washington, D.C. to enter his new sphere of service; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to be presented to Reverend Melvin G. Brown at his testimony on December 10, 1985.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 7 members.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy", written over a horizontal line.

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

Order #8

S-829

C. Graham re: resolutions congratulating
the Reverend Melvin G. Brown on his new pas-
torship in Washington, D.C.

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