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A Resolution of Tribute and Condolence

To the Family of the Late **Distinguish Gentleman Reverend Dr. Leonard N. Smith**

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**A TIME FOR EVERYTHING**

There is a time for everything,  
A season for every purpose under heaven.  
A time to be born and a time to die;  
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;  
A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
A time to break down, and a time to build up  
A time to weep and a time to laugh,  
A time to mourn and a time to dance.  
A time to cast away stones, and a time to refrain from embracing  
A time to get and, and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to cast away  
A time to rend and a time to sew, a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war and a time of peace.

Ecclesiastics 3:1-7

**Whereas**, we want the Leonard N. Smith Family and the LNS Ministries to know the **Rev Dr Smith** was loved by the Dunbar High School and its alumni, friends and supporters loved this distinguished gentleman.

**Whereas**, Reverend Dr. Leonard N. Smith was a graduate of the Class of 1981. While at Dunbar, he served as president of the Student Government Association for all three years. His passion for the SGA led to his election as president of the DC Student Advisory Co9uncil, which was composed of representatives from every student government in DCPS. This office allowed him to be the official voice and representative of the more than 100,000 students in DCPS. He represented the students before the DC Board of Education and appointed the first student representative to the Board of Education.

**Whereas**, Dr. Smith was often tapped to represent the school, and spoke at many assemblies and welcomed countless dignitaries. This included giving a tour of Dunbar to the first Secretary of Education, the Honorable Shirley Hufstedler during her historical visit to Dunbar.

Additionally, for 3 years, he served as the Drum Major of the DHS Marching Band and directed the Jazz Band.

**Whereas**, after graduating from Dunbar, Reverend Dr. Smith served as the Commencement Speaker at Dunbar on two occasions including 2015. And according to DHS administrators and business managers, Dr. Smith had been a substantial financial supporter of the Marching Band for many, many years.

**Whereas**, Rev Smith was a popular speaker the school year opening convocation of several Superintendents of DC Public Schools. Moreover Dr. Smith had committed to DAF leadership that he would help provide leadership and financial support to the Dunbar Alumni i Federation Scholarship program and the emerging Dunbar Education Fund board of directors.

**Whereas** Rev Dr. Smith nominated by Carrie Thornhill and selected by the Dunbar Federation as a Legend and Pioneer in 2015 and is recognized with floor paver directly in front of the main office of the state of the art teaching and learning building.

DAF is particularly proud of Dr. Smith' ongoing support of his high school Alma Mater,

That he became one of the most prominent spiritual leaders and teaching

preachers in this country and abroad, that he had earned two Masters' degrees, two

Doctorates and had been awarded nine honorary degrees. But we also know that he was proudest of being the loving father of his two adult children Tiffany and Phillip.

In Rev Dr Smith's honor, James Pittman, Chair Emeritus and I do hereby present this Resolution of Tribute and Condolence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022 on behalf of the Dunbar Alumni Federation, Inc. of the historic Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Washington DC. God's grace, mercy, peace and blessings to you all. **Keep- a-pluggin'- away.**

Sincerely

James E. Pittman

Carrie L. Thornhill

Chair Emeritus

Chair