

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

Paul Leon Baldwin was born on March 17, 1947 in Charlotte, North Carolina to Sadie Baldwin-Surratt and Sammy Wiley; he graduated from West Charlotte High School in 1966, and was drafted to the U.S. Army in 1967 where he served in the Vietnam War (25<sup>th</sup> Infantry) from 1967-1969; and



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**WHEREAS,**

during his time in Vietnam, Paul received three Purple Hearts as a result of injury during war on the front lines, and he received the Bronze Star Medal for valor and bravery in gallantry; he left the service in Vietnam ranking as Sergeant, and in recent years, he proudly served as a member of the Disabled American Veterans and Military Order of the Purple Heart, and was a proud volunteer for the Atlanta Veterans Affairs; and



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**WHEREAS,**

Paul began taking piano lessons at 8 years old at Beckwith Preparatory Private School of Music, and later became a dedicated minister of music who produced music with gospel legends including Shirley Caesar, Rev. John P. Kee, Walter & Tramaine Hawkins, and Albertina Walker; and



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**WHEREAS,**

Paul worked across Detroit, Memphis, and his final home in Atlanta where he directed choirs at Jackson Memorial Baptist Church and Salem Baptist Church; he went on to direct state choirs, beginning with his fellowship at Christ Temple Church of God in Christ in 1978, to churches throughout the state of Georgia; and



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**WHEREAS,**

Paul joined Highpoint Christian Tabernacle in 1991 where he became the minister of music for the men's choir and sanctuary choir; and



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Paul leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of 47 years, Althea, three beloved daughters: Janise, Dana, and Brittanie; five granddaughters, one grandson, and a host of extended family and friends;



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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Paul Leon Baldwin for a life of integrity and dedication to his family and the City of South Fulton for nearly 50 years, and does hereby proclaim Monday, March 17, 2025, as "**PAUL LEON BALDWIN REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



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*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Commissioner

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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