

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2017-103

*Approving the Honorary naming of the 5000 block of Monticello Road between Summit Street and Dixie Street "Bishop Robert L. Bishop Way"*

WHEREAS, Bishop Robert L. Bishop tirelessly served the Eau Claire and Columbia communities, and the State of South Carolina for over thirty-five years as a pastor and teacher of more than seven churches and four educational complexes; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Robert L. Bishop co-founded Grace Christian Church and Grace Christian Ministries, Inc. and his generosity and family legacy continues through Grace Academy Child Development Center, Pathways out of Poverty an employment readiness initiative, and expungement services partnerships with the Richland County Judicial Services and the City of Columbia Pre-Trial Intervention Services; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Robert L. Bishop served at the National Black Pastor's Conference in Birmingham, Alabama and with the Church Meets the Needs of the Community Urban Renewal, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Columbia Bible College and Seminary of Columbia, South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Robert L. Bishop was an officer of the South Carolina Parent Teacher Association, and served as a board member with the South Carolina Department of Corrections Pre-Release Center, Richland County Department of Social Services Foster Care, Tony Evans and City Light, Boy Scouts of America, City of Columbia Advisory Board, Ridgewood Community Organization and the Student Relations Committee at the Columbia International University; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia hereby approve the honorary naming of the 500 block of Monticello Road between Summit Street and Dixie Street "Bishop Robert L. Bishop Way." The design and color of the honorary toppers shall be subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works.

Requested by:


Councilmember Davis \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Mayor

Approved by:

  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Introduced: 10/3/2017  
Final Reading: 10/3/2017

ORIGINAL  
STAMPED IN RED



**CITY OF COLUMBIA  
HONORARY STREET NAMING APPLICATION**

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- 1) Name and portion of street proposed for designation  
*Please list the intersecting street. No more than two signs are permitted per designation.*

5000 Block of Monticello Rd

- 2) Name of individual or organization to be honored:

Bishop Robert L. Bishop

- 3) Describe the significant contribution(s) this individual or organization has made in the community:  
*Attach a separate sheet if needed.*

See attached letter.

- 4) APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION (If not Council Member)

Name Angela Bishop

Signature [Signature]

Address 5010 Monticello Rd  
Columbia, SC 29203

Date 9/27/2017

Daytime Telephone 803-361-1955

- 5) Council Member Sponsor

Name Sam Davis

Signature Sam Davis

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH

July 5, 2017

The Honorable Sam Davis  
City of Columbia – District 1  
P.O. Box 147  
Columbia, South Carolina 29217

Re: Honorary Street Naming

Councilman Davis:

It is with great honor that we submit this letter to you in regards to renaming the 5000 block of Monticello Road to the Bishop Robert L. Bishop Road.

Bishop Robert L. Bishop, the co-founder of Grace Christian Church and Grace Christian Ministries, Inc. went from labor to reward on June 7, 2006. He worked diligently, assiduously and tirelessly in our community and the State of South Carolina for over 35 years providing quality programs that would serve the holistic person. He has served as a Pastor, Teacher, prophet and visionary of seven churches, four educational complexes and auditoriums in South Carolina and turned an abandoned grocery store that once fed people's bodies to into a place of worship now known as Grace Christian Church, however he did not stop there. To further enhance his servanthood, he served at the National Black Pastors' Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, and the Church meets the needs of the Community Urban Renewal, Department of Housing and Urban Development and Columbia Bible College and Seminary of Columbia, SC. His board affiliations include, The South Carolina Department of Corrections Pre Release Center, Richland County Department of Social Services Foster Care, Tony Evans and City Light, officer of South Carolina Parent Teacher Association, Boy Scouts of America, City of Columbia Advisory Board, Ridgewood Community Organization and Student Relations Committee at Columbia International University.

The many gifts of his calling ignited a desire to educate and edify the lives of families through affordable homeownership. This concept empowered over 15 families in the city of Columbia. In 1994 under the leadership of Bishop Robert L. Bishop the first annual Thanksgiving feast fed over 800 homeless and seniors from various community care homes throughout the city and with no federal dollars he led this effort and financially contributed the majority of the funds. The list of contributions that Bishop Robert L. Bishop has done because of the love of God and for those who could not help themselves are countless.

The boundless energy of Bishop Robert L. Bishop's generosity and family legacy continues today through Grace Academy Child Development Center, "Pathways out of Poverty" an employment readiness initiative and expungements services partnerships with Richland County Judicial Services and the City of Columbia Pre Trial Intervention Services.

We, the beneficiaries of this man's humanity and generosity, humbly request that this appeal be considered and granted to show and outward manifestation of the insurmountable influences Bishop Robert L. Bishop has made to the many people of not only to the community of Eau Claire but the City of Columbia.

If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, please feel free to reach me at 803.960.2782 or by email at [bishop4bishop@yahoo.com](mailto:bishop4bishop@yahoo.com). Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Aaron R. E. Bishop  
Rev. Aaron R. E. Bishop  
Senior Pastor