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*Resolution for
Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Stafford B. Sutton, Sr.*

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*“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.”
I Peter 5:10*

We, the members of the Maryland Church of God in Christ along with our Pastor, Elder Durant S. Graves, extend to the Sutton family our warmest and most sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy. We stand with this family as we look to the hills from whence cometh our help knowing that our help comes from the Lord. In this time of bereavement, we trust the promise of God that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

As it has pleased the Almighty God to have received Pastor Emeritus Stafford B. Sutton, Sr. into His bosom on February 23, 2021. For we know that he will live again when our Lord awakens him from his sleep. We wish to comfort you the family by the words found in

I Corinthians 15:51&52, “Behold I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

Whereas, Pastor Emeritus Sutton did devote himself to the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ for almost 50 years with more than 40 of those years at the Maryland Church and 31 years as Pastor of the Maryland Church.

Whereas, Dr. Sutton was a Par Excellent Teacher, he looked for every opportunity to communicate a sensible but evangelistic message of hope to all attendees. His words were often filled with great wisdom and insight for the common man; many of these venues were funerals when he was not the Eulogist, Family Reunions were another one of his great targets to minister, not to forget the ever-present hospital or home visits to the sick and ailing.

Whereas, it is without a doubt that Dr. Sutton was a singer and in fact he came to the

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Maryland Church singing and soon thereafter his arrival he was appointed as the President of the Jurisdictional Choir. His repertory of music was quite extensive and varied; and although his preferred choice of music was Quartet while slapping his leg to the beat, he still didn't want to miss a chance on joining in on a good "blood song," as he would call them.

Whereas, the Maryland Church celebrates in the shining example and legacy Pastor Emeritus Sutton leaves behind for his family, the Maryland Church and this Park Heights Community; a life sold out and well lived for Christ.

To the Family and friends of Dr. Sutton, Sr., we say to you be not dismayed for God will take care of you. God is Almighty, all Knowing, and All Powerful. The entire Maryland Church wants you to be assured that we are here to assist and pray for you in your bereavement today and in the days, to come.

Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of this Resolution shall be given to the family and a copy be recorded in the archived records of the Maryland Church of God in Christ, Baltimore, MD. These things we write unto you as we hereby commend you, the family of our deceased Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Stafford B. Sutton, Sr. to God's divine care and restoration. May God give you strength, comfort and peace is our prayer.

Elder Durant S. Graves

Prayerfully Submitted,

Elder Durant S. Graves, Pastor

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