

San Francisco Behavioral Health Commission

Posthumous Resolution

In Recognition of the Work of Reverend Cecil Williams

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XX. RESOLUTION: (BHC <date>) The San Francisco Behavior Health Commission, (BHC) urges the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to dedicate and name a section of the Tenderloin district in honor of the Reverend Cecil Williams—called the “Reverend Cecil Williams District,” and in that said district, we also request that you name a street to honor him.

WHEREAS, Reverend Williams was a pillar of his community, that included in this district housing for both “Glide Memorial Church” and its foundation, along with the “Cecil Williams Glide Community House (CW House),” which provides fifty-two apartments to low-income and disadvantaged individuals and families.

WHEREAS, the BHC Initially planned to acknowledge Reverend Cecil Williams for his outstanding work serving the citizens of our great city of San Francisco. Unfortunately, and sadly, he passed away before this could happen.

WHEREAS, through his avid counseling programs and many other services, Reverend Williams fulfilled the promise of Glide’s Mission Statement “to create a radically inclusive, just and loving community mobilized to alleviate suffering and break the cycle of poverty and marginalization.”

WHEREAS, through the various programs implemented at Glide Memorial Church, such as Facts on Crack, the importance of mental health was realized before clinical mental health services became a phenomenon in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Reverend Williams emphatically expressed a need to reduce the recidivism rate, which the absence of fathers has negatively impacted the households of our communities, to obtain a better quality of life.

WHEREAS, one not only needs to achieve recovery, but counseling is an important factor in learning self-regulating, in reducing depression and anxiety, in helping to improve emotional stability, and in further enhancing communication skills to improve interpersonal relationships.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, it is essential that the City and County of San Francisco dedicate and name a section of the Tenderloin district in honor of the Reverend Cecil Williams, and in that said district, we also request that you name a street to honor him.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the BHC urges the Board of Supervisors to adopt our resolution in honor of the Reverend Cecil Williams who served our great City and County of San Francisco for over 60 years.

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