Resolution in Loving Memory

of

The Right Reverend Hamel Hartford Brookins

According to his tender mercy, God, who is infinite in his wisdom, has seen fit to move from our midst, our beloved brother in Christ, by means of death on the 22nd day of May, 2012.

No matter what your trials are, or how big your mountain seems;

The Lord is there to see you through; He will go to all extremes.

So if your cross seems hard to bear, and you know not what to do;

The One who loves you most of all will be there to see you through.

WHEREAS, we the officers and members of the Connectional Lay Organization, African Methodist Episcopal Church, feel it is befitting to express our sympathy to the family during the passing of Bishop Hamel Hartford Brookins. We commend you to Him who knoweth all things and;

WHEREAS, Bishop Hamel Hartford Brookins, the son of Samuel and Lena Brookins, accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age and was an active supporter of the laity of the Church and;

WHEREAS, Bishop Brookins was educated at Wilberforce University, Payne Theological Seminary and the University of Kansas and;

WHEREAS, he was ordained Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, serving as pastor at various charges in the church including; St. Paul AME, Wichita, KS and First AME, Los Angeles, CA and;

WHEREAS, Bishop Hamel Hartford Brookins was elected and consecrated the 91st Bishop of the AME Church, in 1972 and;

WHEREAS, he served as the Presiding Prelate of the Second, Fifth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Seventeenth Episcopal Districts of the AME Church and as the Ecumenical and Urban Affairs Officer advocating for “ministry outside the four walls of the Church” and;
WHEREAS, Bishop Brookins, was a loving husband to the Reverend Rosalynn Kyle Brookins and devoted father to Steven Hartford, the Reverend Francine A. Brookins, and Sir-Wellington Hartford Brookins and;

WHEREAS, Bishop Brookins was part of a loving and caring family who accepts the will of a Sovereign God in the passing of their love one and; 

WHEREAS, we believe the words of Jesus in John 14 that encourages us to “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you;”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we bow in humble submission to Him who never makes a mistake and extend words of encouragement to the family in their time of sorrow. As First Corinthians chapter 13 explains, “Love never fails.” You are in our sincere prayers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be given to the family and a copy kept in the Connectional Lay Organization historical archives.

Humbly submitted on this the 29th day of May, in the Year of our Lord, 2012.

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