

RESOLUTION

Honoring *Melvin Ray*

When death comes, as it does to us all, God is so great, and He helps us stand tall. He is always standing and waiting to bear the heavy load of pain, suffering, and sorrow you share; for no pain or suffering is ever too much when we gently yield to God's merciful touch.

WHEREAS, Melvin Ray was born on March 12, 1992 and passed from life to eternity on Saturday, March 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Ray is survived by his parents, Reginald Sr. and Glenda Ray; brothers, Reginald Ray, Jr., Lance Ray, Kelvin Ray and Corey Allyne; grandmother, Annette McMillan; aunts, Sharon Holder (Larry), Teresa Atwater (Dewitt), Patricia Ann Riley, Zoie Knight (David) and Sheryl Ray; uncles, Andra McMillan (Teresa), Delmonta McMillan, Tony Ray (Lorraine) and Denny Ray; nephews, Lance Ray, II, Kee'yon Ray, Landon Ray and Reginald Ray, III; niece, Gabrielle Ray; the love of his life, Brandi Pringley; the St. John COGIC Family, the Morning Star MB Church Family; godparents, Joyce Hill and Patricia "Uncle Pat" Robinson; special aunt and uncle, Michael and Faye Robinson; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Ray was from the St. John Community and a recent graduate from Florida A & M University. Mr. Melvin Ray was a teacher at James A. Shanks Middle School and a Minister of Music at St. John Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Ray unselfishly gave his self to the church and community, he never failed to be a role model and a pillar of strength for his own family; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Ray, is now survived by a loving family which continues to honor his traditional values and his loyalty to Gadsden County. Melvin Ray is truly an inspiration to us all, having lived a life that exemplifies the rewards of ones commitment to God, family and self; and

WHEREAS, although we are grieved at the loss of this outstanding citizen, his legacy will continue to live on through his family and in all those whose lives he has touched; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners honors the life, legacy, and traditions of Melvin Ray.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be kept in the records of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and that this Resolution be presented to the family of Melvin Ray on Saturday, March 19, 2016.



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