## FILE NO. 250523

## RESOLUTION NO. 275-25

[Resolution of Intention - Street Name Change - Pierce Street from Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue - "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way"]

Resolution declaring the intention of the Board of Supervisors to rename the 800 and 900 blocks of Pierce Street, from Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue, to "Dr. Amos C. Brown Way" in recognition of Dr. Brown's lifetime of leadership in civil rights and community-building in San Francisco and around the world upon his retirement as Senior Pastor of Third Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, Pierce Street runs alongside Third Baptist Church, which has been led by Reverend (Rev.) Dr. Amos C. Brown since 1976; and

WHEREAS, The activist career of Rev. Brown began with his youth involvement in the NAACP in segregated Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown took part in the Freedom Rides and was one of eight students of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Morehouse College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has led Third Baptist Church at the corner of Pierce Street and McAllister Street since 1976 and has been a steadfast leader in the Western Addition community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown's leadership, Third Baptist Church stabilized the F.D Haynes Gardens housing complex, established Friday Night Live and Back on Track youth programs, and continues to serve seniors through community building and food for the needy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown's impact on the community and commitment to social justice extended well beyond the walls of the church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has led the San Francisco chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), leading the fight for social justice and Black empowerment in San Francisco; and WHEREAS, Dr. Brown led fundraising and resettlement efforts for over 3,000 refugees from Ethiopia and Eritrea, including hosting refugees in his own home that would go on to become integral parts of the Western Addition and San Francisco community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown has served his city on the Board of Supervisors and the City College Board of Trustees, his state as vice-chair of the California Reparations Task Force, and the world as a delegate to the United Nations Conference on Race and Intolerance; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works and the office of District 5 Supervisor Bilal Mahmood is in receipt of a request from Third Baptist Church to rename two blocks of Pierce Street between Fulton Street and Golden Gate Avenue in honor of Rev. Brown's distinguished career; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, In order to honor the historic contributions of Rev. Brown, the Board of Supervisors intends to rename Pierce Street from Fulton Street to Golden Gate Avenue "Dr. Amos. C. Brown Way," pending the Department of Public Works' street naming procedures, so that Rev. Brown's legacy is not forgotten; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs Public Works to initiate the City's street renaming procedures, expeditiously process the required actions related to street renaming, coordinate with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors' Office regarding posted and published notice for the street renaming; and report to the Board on its findings so that the Board may officially rename the street.

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## City and County of San Francisco Tails Resolution

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June 02, 2025 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

June 03, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/3/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Daniel Lurie Mayor

6.6.25

**Date Approved**