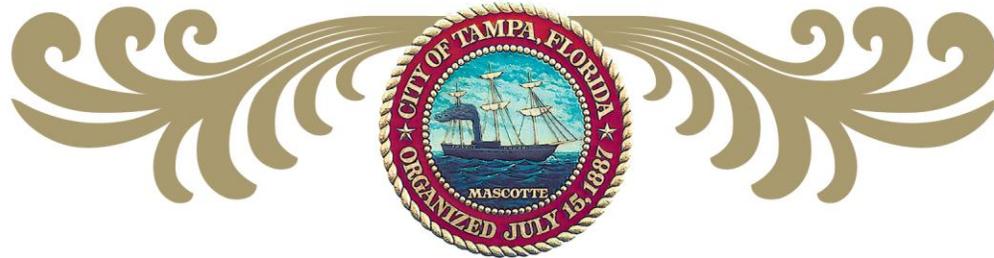


In Memoriam



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa takes pride in recognizing those individuals whose commitment and dedication have made a lasting impact on our community and nation, and one of these individuals was **David “Dave” Charles Brown**, a beloved radio Gospel Announcer and well-respected Community Leader who passed away on Monday, October 5, 2020, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was born on June 25, 1941 in Hawkinsville, Georgia to the late Ed Coney and Rosa Talton Brown, and he made Tampa, Florida his home when he relocated as a teenager and attended night classes at George S. Middleton High School, and thereafter earned his Associate of Arts Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Accounting from Hillsborough Community College in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown began his outstanding over forty year career in the commercial, institutional and hotel laundry industry with Dixie Linen and Uniform Supply serving as the company’s Projection Supervisor and Maintenance Mechanic for ten years before joining Tampa General Hospital as the Director of Textile Services, managing the laundry facility and textile distribution and later promoted to Fleet Management Services; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with Tampa General Hospital, Mr. Brown’s accomplishments included contributing to the design and building of a new laundry facility, procuring the needed goods and equipment, and in the development and implementation of production, maintenance and delivery services for the warehouse; and

WHEREAS, as a popular Gospel Announcer serving the Tampa Bay area’s listening audience on radio station WTMP 1150 AM, Mr. Brown was legendary in the community and he deservedly earned the designation as the *Gospel Voice of the Bay*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was involved in the community including as a member of the Florida Institutional Management Association where he served as the organization’s President and received its *Manager of the Year Award*, he was on the Board of the Hillsborough County Hospital Authority Employee Federal Credit Union, and he contributed as the Chairman of the Tampa General Hospital’s United Way Campaign; and

WHEREAS, well known for his beautiful voice, intelligence, friendliness, and kind nature, Mr. Brown will forever be remembered for his deep love of his family and friends, his faith, and for his commitment excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby urge all citizens to join me in publicly expressing sorrow and heartfelt appreciation to the David Charles Brown Family, his wife Barbara, daughters Carol and Sheryl, grandson Quinton, and other family members, and to express our hopes that they will take solace in their many cherished memories and the impact of his life on our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 16th day of October 2020.

Jane Castor

Mayor