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**City of Atlanta Councilmember Michael Julian Bond to honor longtime Atlanta Activist
Rev. Dr. Gerald L. Durley**

ATLANTA – City of Atlanta Councilmember Michael Julian Bond will honor Rev. Dr. Gerald L. Durley with a proclamation during the 1:00pm meeting of the Atlanta City Council on Monday, July 18th at Atlanta City Hall.

The Rev. Dr. Gerald L. Durley is being honored due to his many significant contributions to the City of Atlanta which include years of community service. He is a pillar in the state of Georgia and a voice for thousands.

Just to name a few; Rev. Dr. Durley was an Atlanta Police Chaplain, original board member on The Atlanta Beltline, Mayor's Task Force on the Homeless, and so much more. He is the former Pastor of the historic Providence Missionary Baptist Church of Atlanta, where he has served for nearly 25 years.

Rev. Durley's previous roles include Executive Director of the Head Start Program for Fulton and Douglas Counties, Director of the Health Promotion Resource Center at the Morehouse School of Medicine, and founder of Perspectives, International, a consortium of historically black colleges and universities.



The Rev. Dr. Gerald L. Durley

At Providence, Rev. Durley works to ensure that people with disabilities in the congregation are able to share their gifts, skills and abilities, resulting in a new system of supports for persons with autism and their families in the congregation and in the community.

In 2011, Rev. Durley was inducted into the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame for his contributions during the civil rights movement of the 1960s. Rev. Durley continues to serve as an outspoken advocate on a number of social justice issues and works diligently to understand the differences and similarities among people, cultures and beliefs.

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