

LEON HOWARD SULLIVAN, Pastor of the Zion Baptist Church of Philadelphia, a graduate of West Virginia State College, with subsequent study at Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University. He began his active ministry as Assistant Pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City, thus learning firsthand the problems of the inner city. He saw them. He understood them. And since coming to Philadelphia he has been an imaginative and dynamic leader in programs directed toward them. Long concerned with youth activities, he was responsible for the Philadelphia Citizens Committee Against Juvenile Delinquencies and Their Causes which enrolled within a year twenty thousand persons in block organizations. Under his leadership as a firm believer in an activist Gospel his church's membership has grown from 600 to 5,000, and its activities include a day care center, a credit union, an employment agency, adult education classes, remedial reading programs, and a family counseling service. A pioneer in racial economic emancipation, his most notable achievement has been the spectacularly successful Opportunities Industrialization Center Program which has provided vocational training for over 5,000 persons since 1964, and has set a pattern for a national network of Negro job training and self-help projects. For your courage, your vision, and your successful accomplishment, we honor you today:

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