

RESOLUTION NUMBER 102

James Irving Smith, Jr.

WHEREAS, James Irving Smith, Jr. was born on August 1, 1929 to the union of James Irving and Mabel Higgins Smith; and

WHEREAS, he later attended and graduated from Sumner High School and Lincoln University; and

WHEREAS, he excelled in sports in high school and college by participating in gymnastics, track and field, diving, football, swimming and tennis; and

WHEREAS, he later met and married Joyce E. Harris of St. Louis on July 9, 1949 and later celebrated the birth of children; Dale E. Smith, James I. (Seitu) Smith, Karen J. Smith Pitts, Guy E. Smith, Jabari (Roland) Smith and Boyce E. Smith and

WHEREAS he pursued his love of education by teaching at Benton Elementary School and Beaumont High School; and

WHEREAS, he showed his entrepreneurial acumen by forming the ADVOC commercial arts agency with his partner, Walter Friday; and

WHEREAS, he was a dedicated member of Samaritan United Methodist Church and lived in the City of St. Louis for several decades; and

WHEREAS, he is an avid watcher of professional basketball and tennis and is a lover of chocolate, art, outdoor yard work, electronics and attending yard and estate sales with his loving wife; and

WHEREAS, he has won many bets which have lead to him winning several cans of his beloved Dr. Pepper soda from various “short boys” and “hamburgers”; and

WHEREAS, his loving family will gather at his home on Sunday, August 1, 2009 to celebrate and commemorate his 80th birthday.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize on the occasion of his 80th birthday and wish him continued happiness and joy and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 27th day of July, 2009 by:

Honorable April Ford-Griffin, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Adopted this the 27th day of July, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen