

RESOLUTION NUMBER 157

Frederick Eugene Smith, PhD

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith is a Pioneer Member of the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW). He joined the organization in 1969. His love for NABSW is embodied in his faithful practice of the code of ethic, MAAT and Nguzo Saba. He proudly describes the organization as a group of strong individuals that you can look in their eyes and see trust and turn your back and feel protected; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith was born and raised in Mound City, IL. with his parents Ira and Ethel Smith, seven sisters and one brother. Dr. Smith is an 82nd Airborne, Korean War Veteran. Dr. Smith completed his undergraduate education at Lincoln University. He graduated from Atlanta University in 1962 with a Master's Degree in Social Work. He returned to St. Louis and worked at Kingdom House and for Jewish Community Center; and

WHEREAS, He moved to Minneapolis with his wife Mary Louise Smith, COL, US Army (RET) and his son David. His work with Minneapolis Urban League would include the March on Washington for jobs and freedom. Dr. Smith returned to St. Louis in 1965 to work for the Human Development Corporation and the antipoverty program. He worked closely with the late Macler Shepard in the development of the Jeff-Vander-Lou community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith received a PhD in Education from St. Louis University in 1977. He was a professor at Washington University, George Warren Brown School of Social Workers, for 13 years where he taught and mentored many future social work practitioners. He left Washington University and worked for the St. Louis Public School System, retiring after 20 years of service. His special interest was in Alternate Education. His last assignment was at the King Tri A Alternative School; and

WHEREAS, He was a charter member of the St. Louis Chapter of the Association of Black Social Workers under the direction of their first president the late Elizabeth Garlington. She was instrumental in providing Dr. Smith with leadership and guidance throughout his career. Dr. Smith served as President of the Chapter for 14 years and continues to represent the Chapter at Steering Committee meeting across the country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith, Mary Louis and daughter, Melissa Smith Hale, are faithful members of the organization. He mentored Melissa, who has served as President of two ABSW Chapters, a recipient of an NABSM Scholarship and current Co-Chairperson of the Workshop Committee of the National Organization; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith is a faithful family man who loves his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and extended family. He is the Patriarch of the Smith Family. His parents, seven sisters and one brother have all transitioned. Dr. Smith maintains the strength of the family whose members primarily live in the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Frederick Eugene Smith, PhD and we wish him continued success, achievement and accomplishment 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 2nd day of October, 2009 by:

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Adopted this 2nd day of October, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

