

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 60**

**Dr. Rudy A. Pulido**

**WHEREAS**, we have been apprised that on June 30, 2009, Dr. Rudy A. Pulido will retire as Senior Pastor of Southwest Baptist Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Pulido began his service to Southwest Baptist Church on July 1, 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, in his thirty years of service, Dr. Pulido has been recognized by both the denomination and the community for his leadership. He has received honors from three of the four Baptist colleges and universities in the state. He has been honored by the Jewish Community Relations Council for his efforts on behalf of religious liberty. He has served on the advisory boards of two hospitals; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Pulido presently serves on the South Side YMCA Advisory Board, the Baptist General Convention of Missouri Advisory Board, the St. Louis Interfaith Partnership Cabinet and is the President of the St. Louis Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State; and

**WHEREAS**, as Senior Pastor, Dr. Pulido has led the church in expanding its mission emphasis. Mission teams from Southwest Baptist Church have served on every inhabitable continent. The church's eighty-eight year history of financially supporting world wide missions went over the one million dollar mark during Dr. Pulido's years of service. Working with other churches in the neighborhood, Dr. Pulido has been instrumental in cultivating the spirit of ecumenicalism; and

**WHEREAS**, during his years of service to the church, Southwest Baptist Church has undergone major renovations. The improvements continue to make the church facility one of the most attractive in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, among his many accomplishments, Dr. Pulido personally takes joy in are his role in keeping Southwest Baptist Church a free and historic Baptist church, one whose doors are open to all people and his role in having the Religious Freedom Restoration Act passed in the state of Missouri in 2003

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Pulido and his wife Doris are the parents of two children, Scott and Jennifer and five grandchildren, Mikayla, Peyton, Ryan, Owen and Zane.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Dr. Rudy A. Pulido for his many accomplishments and we 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 8th day of June, 2009 by:

**Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward**

Adopted this the 8th day of June, 2009 as attested by:

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David W. Sweeney  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen

