

Resolution Number 119
JAMES M. WHITTICO, JR., MD, FACS, ACPE

Whereas, we pause to celebrate the many accomplishments Dr. James M. Whittico and honor him on the eve of his 100th Birthday. Dr. Whittico retired May 1, 2015 as the oldest active practitioner in the St. Louis area at 99 and 1/2 years old; and

Whereas, the son of James M. Whittico, Sr., MD (a physician) and Nannie L. Whittico (a college Dean), James M. Whittico, Jr. earned his A.B. Degree from Lincoln University Pennsylvania in 1936, entered Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 19, graduating in 1940. Began his internship and Surgery Residency at Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, his Surgery Residency was interrupted by four years of Military Service, rising to the rank of Lt. colonel, MC (Army) at time of discharge in 1946. He returned to St. Louis and completed his Surgery training. He opened his private practice of surgery in 1952; and

Whereas, he married Gloria Thompson in 1948 and was a loving, devoted husband until her death in August 2014. He always put family first. They were proud parents of two and grandparents of two; and

Whereas, over the years, Dr. Whittico has served on the staffs of numerous hospitals and clinics, he also has been a highly respected serving member of many organizations, including President, National Medical Association, Member, American Medical Association, St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society, American Board of Surgery. Chairman, Missouri State Board of Healing Arts and Chairman, Missouri State Board of Health. Founding Member St. Louis Regional Health Commission. Clinical Professor of Surgery, St. Louis University School of Medicine; and

Whereas, Dr. Whittico's generosity of spirit has inspired him to help those in need in many places. His philanthropy has also been displayed through his involvement with groups as the YMCA, Missouri Association of Social Welfare, Alpha Pi Alpha Fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, the NAACP, Dismas House, The American Cancer Society. A 33rd degree Mason, he served as The Grand Medical Examiner of Prince Hall Grand Lodge and also as Imperial Director of Medical Services for the Shriners; and

Whereas, a man of great faith, Dr. Whittico is a long standing and devoted member of Central Baptist Church. He established a Health Unit at the Church staffed by licensed Physicians and Nurses. He is always available to be of service to the pastor and to the congregation; and

Whereas, Dr. Whittico has been awarded certificates and citations from four United States Presidents. He was an invited guest of President Lyndon Johnson to the signing of the Bill creating Medicare into Law. He has received numerous certificates, resolutions and proclamations from governors, mayors, and other state and city officials and private corporations and organizations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud and recognize the many accomplishments of Dr. James M. Whittico and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced this the 9th day of October

Honorable Lyda Krewson, Alderwoman 28th Ward

Adopted this the 9th day of October

Donna Evans-Booker
Assistant Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen