

Resolution Number 156
Dr. James M. Whittico, Jr.

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Central Baptist Church on November 18, 2012 will be hosting a celebration in honor of Dr. James M. Whittico. The celebration will be held on Dr. Whittico's 96th birthday, Sunday, November 18, 2012 during their 11:00 am Worship Service; and

WHEREAS, James Malachi Whittico Jr. was born November 18, 1916 in Williamson, West Virginia. His father, James Sr. practiced medicine and his mother Nannie was an educator. Young Whittico graduated from Liberty High School in 1932; received his A.B. with honors from Lincoln University, (Pennsylvania) with honors in 1936 and received his M.D. degree from Meharry Medical College in 1940. He did his internship and senior internship at Homer G. Phillips Hospital (St. Louis) before volunteering for the U.S. Army in 1942; and

WHEREAS, he was the first Black doctor from Missouri to become a military hospital chief surgeon in active combat. He served as Commanding Officer and Chief Surgeon for the hospital of the 93rd Infantry Division and rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel, receiving several military awards that included the Bronze Star Medal for combat service in the Southwest Pacific Theater; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Whittico has received numerous gubernatorial and presidential appointments. In 1968 Dr. Whittico served as president of the National Medical Association. President Lyndon B. Johnson accepted Dr. Whittico's invitation to address the NMA. This was the first time in history that a sitting president of the United States had visited and addressed the convention at one of its sessions. While president, the NMA was awarded a multi-million dollar grant from the National Institute of Health to recruit African Americans to medical schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Whittico has been a devoted disciple and servant leader of Central since joining in 1948. His numerous civic and community involvement never hampered him serving God and Central. He served as church physician in the basement of the old historic church before that fateful fire. Dr. Whittico has served Central in numerous capacities since 1948. His latest published work is the Historical Forward to Central's 2011 Church Directory. In 2010 he was elevated to chairman Emeritus of Central's Health Ministry; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife Gloria (Thompson) are the proud parents of Jarrhet M. Whittico and Joi Whittico-Kalkbrenner (Jim) and have grandchildren, John and Julia Kalkbrenner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize James Malachi Whittico Jr. 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 honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 26th day of October, 2012 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 26th day of October, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen