

Resolution Number 227
Henry Givens, Jr., Ph.D.

WHEREAS, he have been apprised of the retirement of Dr. Henry Givens, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. was president of Harris-Stowe State University for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Givens was educated in the St. Louis Public School System, earned his baccalaureate degree at Lincoln University, his master's degree at the University of Illinois and his Ph.D. at St. Louis University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Givens began his career as a teacher in the Webster Groves School District. Before leaving the Webster Groves public schools, he held the post of Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Givens then became the first African-American to serve Missouri as Assistant Commissioner of Education, a position he held for five years; and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Given's leadership, Harris-Stowe greatly expanded its degree programs and it now has 14 degree offerings in applied professional disciplines; and

WHEREAS, Harris-Stowe State University under Dr. Givens, tripled its student enrollment and has changed its status from College to University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Givens has served as Chairman of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Statewide Celebration Commission for Missouri from 1986 to 2011; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Givens is affiliated with numerous professional and social organizations, and has received over 125 national, state, local awards and recognitions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Givens is married to Belma Evans Givens and they have a daughter, a son and three grandchildren.

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. Henry Givens, Jr. for his many contributions to the education of countless students. We wish him continued success 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 14th day of October, 2011 by:

Honorable Marlene E. Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen
Honorable Kacie Starr Triplett, Alderwoman 6th Ward

Adopted this the 14th day of October, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen