

Resolution Number 278
Bishop Willie James Ellis, Jr.

WHEREAS, we congratulate Bishop Willie James Ellis, Jr. on his retirement; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 1964 Rev. Willie James Ellis, Jr. became the pastor of New Northside Baptist Church Rev. Ellis led the congregation to greater heights spiritually, physically and financially; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 Rev. Ellis moved the congregation into a beautiful worship facility which developed into one of the most progressive churches in the City of St. Louis. The church grew so rapidly that an entire wing to the existing building had to be added; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2001, Rev. Willie James Ellis, Jr was elevated to the office of Bishop which is authorized by the Philadelphia Assemblies of Full Gospel Churches; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis has served his community in many areas; the Mayor's crime commission, the Governor's Task Force in the Cause and Prevention of Urban Violence, President of St. Louis Clergy Coalition, Missouri State Public Defender's Commission Board and Commissioner for the St. Louis County Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis has received Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degrees from Western Baptist Bible College, University Bible Institute and Providence Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ellis is married to Beverly Elaine and is the proud father of two daughters, Pamela Ellis Fornis and Evangelist Rolanda Ellis, grandfather of six and great grandfather of five.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of for the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the many contributions and selflessness of Bishop Willie J. Ellis, Jr. and thank him for being an inspiration to all citizens of St. Louis and direct the Clerk of this Board to prepare a commemorative copy of this resolution to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 16th day of December, 2011 by

Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27th Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President St. Louis City Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 16th day of December, 2011 as attested:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen