

RESOLUTION NUMBER 326

Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Kimbrough, currently President of Philander Smith College, and recently appointed to serve as president of Dillard University beginning in July 2012, is one of the youngest college presidents in the country; and

WHEREAS, During Dr. Kimbrough's seven-year tenure at Philander Smith College, student recruitment and graduation rates dramatically increased; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimbrough has been recognized for his research and writings on HBCUs and African American men in college, including the creation of the Black Male Initiative at Philander Smith College that has been a model for similar programs across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimbrough has received numerous honors and recognitions including: 1994 New Professional of the Year for the Association of Fraternity Advisors, 1998 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Dissertation of the Year award runner-up, 2001 Nissan-ETS HBCU Fellow, 2002 participant in the Millennium Leadership Initiative sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, making Diverse Issues in Higher Education list of 25 To Watch, and in 2010, being included in the coveted Ebony Magazine Power list of the 100 doers and influencers in the African American community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimbrough, a true man of our times, has been recognized in numerous publications for his active use of social media to engage students, including being cited by BachelorsDegree.com as one of 25 college presidents you should follow on twitter; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimbrough stands as an inspiration for everyone in the field of higher education.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the many accomplishments of Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough 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 9th day of March, 2012 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 9th day of March, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen