

RESOLUTION NUMBER 350
165th Anniversary of Central Baptist Church Baptist

WHEREAS, the Central Baptist Church Baptist, on March 20, 2011 will celebrate its 165th Church Anniversary where the Reverend Dr. Robert Charles Scott has been serving as Senior Pastor since, November 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church has a rich legacy, which began on March 22, 1846 as an offshoot of, the First African Baptist Church (now known as the First Baptist Church), when twenty-three freed and enslaved Africans started the Second African Baptist Church, which later became the Eighth Street Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church has had thirteen pastors who served fourteen pastoral tenures— Reverend Richard Sneethen, Reverend John Richard Anderson, Reverend James Freeman Boulden, Reverend Henry Highland White, Reverend Simon Peter Anderson, Reverend Sampson P. Lewis, Reverend Simon P. Anderson, Reverend John Lewis Cohron, Reverend George E. Stevens, Reverend Clarence M. Long, Reverend Dr. Thomas Elliott Huntley, Reverend Clydrow Durbney, Reverend Ronald B. Packnett, and Reverend Dr. Robert Charles Scott; and

WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church has been engaged in community outreach, social justice, political empowerment, economic achievements, educational endeavors, and spiritual uplift through its history with pastors and congregants being on the forefront of social change locally, statewide, and nationally— personalities such as Harriet Scott (wife of Dred Scott), Reverend George Stevens (who help to establish Sumner High School and Vashon High School), Ms. Julia Dix, Reverend Dr. T. E. Huntley (who wrote a definitive book for the black Baptist church), Dr. James Whittico (past president of the National Medical Association), and current pastor Dr. Robert Scott (who helped organize a march for Call to Oneness with over 20,000 black men marching against violence in St. Louis and who is known across the country for his leadership and preaching gifts); and

WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church is a purpose driven church creating purpose living disciples engaging in five star ministry for building the kingdom of God and whose motto is “Making Disciple, Transforming Lives”; and

WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church has undergone a 1.7 million dollar renovation in its sanctuary and educational buildings, enhancing its campus physically, technologically, and logistically and having over 1500 disciples as a part of the congregation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Central Baptist Church Baptist on their 165th Anniversary and thank them for their innumerable contributions to the City of St. Louis in the community 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 18th day of March, 2011 by:

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderman 19th Ward

Adopted this the 18th day of March, 2011 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen