

RESOLUTION NUMBER 141

Pastor James L. Hill, Jr.

WHEREAS, Pastor James Leslie Hill, Jr. was born in Kansas City, Missouri on July 16, 1976, the first of three sons born to Jim & Bettie Jo Hill; and

WHEREAS, he made his public profession of faith in Christ at the age of eight while attending Gwinnett Place Baptist Chapel, a mission of the First Baptist Church of Norcross, Georgia, in the spring of 1985 and was baptized later the same year; and

WHEREAS, he was licensed to the Gospel Ministry, May 14, 1995, by South County Baptist, St. Louis, Missouri and ordained to the Gospel Ministry, July 11, 1999 by Timothy Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Hill received his Bachelor of Arts Degree, (Religion), in May 1994 from William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri and his Masters of Divinity Degree, in December 2005, from Central Baptist Theological Seminary (ABC), Kansas City, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, he was named the *H.I. Hester Scholar* for the class of 1998 at William Jewell College and as *Emerging Leader* at William Jewell College in 1995. He was named the *Outstanding member of the Year* of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, EN Chapter, for 1997-1998; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Hill served his Pastoral Internship at Liberty Manor Baptist Church, Liberty, Missouri from September 1995 until December 1995. He served his Semester Missionary at Maywood Baptist Church, Independence, Missouri and as Youth Minister at Rockwood Baptist Church from June 1996 until August 1997 in Wildwood, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Hill worked in the North Kansas City School district as a part-time youth minister and seminary student from 1999 until 2000; and

WHEREAS, he served as Interim Pastor at the First Baptist Church in Carrolton, Missouri in 2000 and as Pastor of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Jefferson City, Missouri from 2000 until 2006. He has served as Associated Pastor of Southwest Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri from April 2006 and as Pastor until June 2010; and

WHEREAS, he married the former Tara McCoy of St. Louis, Missouri, at the Kirkwood Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri on July 21, 2001 and currently resides in the Lindenwood Park Neighborhood.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate Pastor L. Hill, Jr. on his installment, on Sunday July 11, 2010, as Senior Pastor of Southwest Baptist Church 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 8th day of July, 2010 by:

Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward

Adopted this the 8th day of July, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen