

Resolution Number 320
Paula V. Smith

WHEREAS, Paula V. Smith was a long time advocate of equality and social justice; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith earned a degree in economics from Washington University, a master's in business administration from St. Louis University and did graduate work at Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, she was a former top-level government administrator. In 1981, Gov. Christopher S. "Kit" Bond made her the only woman and only African-American on his Cabinet when he named her director of the state Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; and

WHEREAS, Five years later, President Ronald Reagan called Ms. Smith to Washington to run the 1,400 employee Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith returned to St. Louis after her time in Washington D.C. and ran for the School Board. She was elected and served until 1997; and

WHEREAS, she was respected by all those who knew her and for her efforts in the St. Louis community she received the St. Louis Woman of Achievement Award in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Smith is survived by her companion, Paul Broussard of St. Louis; her daughter, Cheryl Walker of St. Louis; two sons, Dwayne Bosman and Dwight Bosman of St. Louis; three sisters, Mary Moxley of Gary, Ind., Patricia Marlow of Bowling Green, Ky., and Doveanna Gardner of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; four brothers, Marshall Watkins and Harold Watkins, both of St. Louis, and Charles Watkins and Willie Watkins, both of Inkster, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to remember the numerous contributions of Paula V. Smith to the St. Louis community and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on February 19th, 2010 by:

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

Adopted February 19th, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen

