

RESOLUTION NUMBER 322

Oscar Williams Jr.

WHEREAS, Oscar Williams Jr. is a classically trained pianist with a degree for the University of MO - St. Louis. He has served in several roles of the music industry as music director, conductor or song writer for such organizations as: St. Louis Black Repertory Company, Unity Ensemble, Saint Louis University Theater Department, Golden Gospel Singers of Harlem, NY, Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Dello Thedford and the Symphonic Choir, YMCA Boys Choir of St. Louis, NGCC, Gospel Music Workshop of America, Hampton Minister's Conference, Gospel Heritage Foundation and many others; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams' formal training began at the age of 8. He is a well accomplished and decorated pianist with styles ranging from Classical music, Jazz, Gospel, Ragtime and Broadway; and

WHEREAS, He holds many prestigious awards and honors and has performed before vast audiences including Pope John Paul II, performances at the White House and continuous demand performances in Europe. He has toured extensively throughout Jamaica, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, France and Austria performing his own music and also serving as vocal coach and contractor for European pop singer Elisa, and

WHEREAS, He has shared the stage with such artist as; Dionne Warwick, Lionel Richie, Lauren Hill, Kirk Franklin, Richard Smallwood, Clifton Davis and many more; and

WHEREAS, is a national recording artist, composer, producer and clinician, having released his debut CD "Unstoppable" in September of '05 nationwide on RyKo/Warner/Aleho Records. This debut smash spent time on the Top 40 Gospel Billboard Charts and was very successful with radio and retail. He currently serves as the Director of Music and Arts at the Hamilton Park UMC in Dallas, TX where he oversees 5 choirs, a full musician staff, the technical ministry, the dance ministry, the sign language ministry and the instrumentalist ministry.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the many achievements of Oscar Williams Jr. and we 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 26th day of February, 2010 by:

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted this the 26th day of February, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen