

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2025

A RESOLUTION HONORING REV. DR. FRANK M. SMITH, JR. BY DEDICATING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF KRUPP PARK DRIVE AND PRESTON HIGHWAY AS “DR. FRANK M. SMITH, JR. DRIVE” IN HIS HONOR.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS RUHE AND MCCRANEY

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Frank M. Smith, Jr. was born in Panama City, Panama Canal Zone to Frank M. Smith Sr. and Navy Lieutenant Flora Mae Smith. He was reared in the Newburg Community in Louisville, KY; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has devoted his life to collaborative, connectional ministry among many pastors and churches. Having been in preaching ministry for 38 years with 27 of those as a Senior Pastor, he is no stranger to the sacrificial labor and pioneering work involved in church planting and institutional development. After pastoring Newburg Church of Christ in Louisville, KY for 7 years, he founded Christ’s Church for our Community in 2000 (“CCFOC”). CCFOC, is committed to a three-fold mission: Reaching Up – Reaching In – Reaching Out. He has preached in 25 states in revivals, workshops, etc. baptizing hundreds of people; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith holds degrees from Freed-Hardman University (B.A. Theology and General Communications) and Indiana Wesleyan University (M.S. Management), with a Doctorate of Divinity from Simmons College of Kentucky. He has spent much of his life advancing the causes and missions of other institutions. This work has allowed him to gain experience in various fields including mentoring, workforce development, youth development, community development, non-profit agency capacity building, and most recently higher education institutional growth and development by serving as Executive Vice President of Simmons College of Kentucky since 2007. His

work with Simmons College of Kentucky has been sacrificial in scope and has led the College to attain and reaffirm accreditation, facilitate management of operations and facilities, facilitate faith and community relations, and many other capacity building and facility acquisition accomplishments. Dr. Smith currently serves as the Financial Secretary for the Central District Baptist Association of Louisville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith rigorously served in official capacities over 12 years with Louisville's Interdenominational Ministerial Coalition (IMC) ranging from Secretary to Vice President and ultimately President from 2009 – 2014. He has recently served as President of the IMC in an interim capacity throughout 2020. He continues to serve as a board member of the IMC. His tenure as President set a new trend for clergy collaboration with local city government as he served on Mayor Greg Fischer's initial transition team and gave faith-based leadership with Louisville's 55,000 Degrees initiative. Dr. Smith previously served as a member of Louisville's Workforce Investment Board (KentuckianaWorks) for three terms; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith serves as a member of University of Louisville's Signature Partnership Board of Advisors and has served on the Planning Committee for Louisville's 15K (representing 15,000 African-Americans with Higher Education Degrees) and leads the 15K Faith Action Team. Dr. Smith served a 3-year term on the Continuation Committee of the former North American Christian Convention. Dr. Smith serves as a member of the Newburg Ministerial Association and is Chaplain and special assistant of his Father-in-law's funeral home, Perryman's Mortuary. He and his wife of nearly 18 years, Theresia, have one son, Jayson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: Rev. Dr. Frank M. Smith, Jr.'s dedicated service and commitment to Louisville Metro is hereby recognized with the placement of an honorary street sign on the Northwest corner of Krupp Park Drive and Preston Highway, Louisville, Kentucky, and so designated as "Dr. Frank M. Smith, Jr. Drive."

SECTION II: The Department of Public Works is hereby directed to move forward with the fabrication and installation of the honorary street sign upon the passage of this Resolution and the receipt of funds to cover the expense.

SECTION III: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk

Brent Ackerson
President of the Council

Craig Greenberg
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

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