



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution honoring the Reverend Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, Jr. on his retirement.

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, Jr. was born in Mound Bayou, Mississippi to the late Reverend Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, Sr. and Dr. Alice C. Smith Risby; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, Jr. was first licensed to preach in 1974 and was ordained at the First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill, in 1979, where his father served as pastor for 33 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith received a B.A. degree in Music from Morehouse College in 1976 and later attended Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 1983; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, he received a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, where he was a Proctor-Moss Fellow; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, after serving for six years as pastor of Berean Baptist Church in Nashville, he accepted the pastorate of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Knoxville, where he served for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, from 1997 through 2013, Dr. Smith served as the Executive Director of the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, he has served on many boards and in many positions on the local, state, and national level and is a member of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith has three children, Sharanda Nechole Smith, Valerie Taneece Hayes, and Kelly Miller Smith III, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, Dr. Smith has served as the pastor of First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill, which celebrated its 158th church anniversary in December; and

WHEREAS, this year, after more than 40 years of pastoral service, Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, Jr. will retire; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognize Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, Jr. for his contributions to Nashville and Davidson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record as honoring the Reverend Dr. Kelly Miller Smith, Jr. for over 40 years of pastoral service and wishes him well in his retirement.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.