

RESOLUTION NO. 100807

Honoring Reverend Dr. Samuel E. Mann on his retirement of 40 years of service to St. Mark Union Church and recognizing his many contributions towards the entire Kansas City community.

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Samuel E. Mann has been Pastor Administrator of St. Mark Union Church and Executive Director of United Inner City Services for 40 years and in that capacity oversees a budget of \$1.5 million annually, has a 62 member staff and programs that include Child & Family Development, social services and community development, and street organizations and violence prevention; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Mann has been a long time civil rights activist, having marched in numerous demonstrations, including the march for the garbage workers in Memphis Tennessee, the march against the war in Vietnam led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and was part of the U.S. delegation that visited with South Africa ANC leader Dr. Nelson Mandela right after his release from prison; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Mann was instrumental in the formation of Operation Break and Build, a street outreach organization that evolved out of the Urban Peace and Justice Summit in 1994 which was to assist street organizations (gangs) with transforming their lives via crisis intervention, education, economic development, women's issues and criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Mann has been the recipient of many awards, including the NAACP, Harold Holiday Award, John M. Swollen Human Rights Award, Elder Statements of Kansas City, Missouri Jazz, Sam Eason Award, Black Archives of Mid-America, and Beta Omega PSI PHI Fraternity Inc.'s Citizen of the Year Award to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Mann's most recent project was the building of the St. Marks Child & Family Development Center which is a state of the art child care facility that produces four productions per year and carried out by the children themselves;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby honor Reverend Dr. Samuel E. Mann on his retirement of 40 years of service to St. Mark Union Church and recognize his many contributions towards the entire Kansas City community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Reverend Dr. Samuel E. Mann in token of the Mayor and Council's respect and high regard and their best wishes for the long and happy retirement which he so richly deserves.
