

1 Introduced by Council Members Morgan, Pittman, Hazouri, Priestly
2 Jackson, Diamond, Carlucci, Becton, Wilson and Salem:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2020-197**

6 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE
7 LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF REVEREND DR. ODELL
8 SMITH, JR.; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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10 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Odell Smith, Jr., a native of Ayden, North
11 Carolina, enlisted in the U.S Army after his high school graduation
12 and served honorably before resuming his education, earning a
13 bachelor's degree in biology at North Carolina Central University;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, Reverend Smith earned a doctorate degree in theology
16 from the Southern Baptist School for Biblical Studies and was
17 ordained to the ministry, eventually serving as Pastor of Second
18 Missionary Baptist Church on Kings Road in downtown Jacksonville,
19 one of the oldest Baptist churches in the city, for 31 years before
20 his retirement; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in addition to his pastoral duties, Reverend Smith
22 was also employed as the Head Laboratory Technologist at Naval Air
23 Station Jacksonville, where he also rendered over 30 years of
24 capable service before his retirement; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Pastor Smith was an inspirational figure and beloved
26 by his congregation, serving the needs of his church and the
27 surrounding community with wisdom, perseverance and strong faith;
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29 **WHEREAS**, the City Council was saddened to learn of the recent
30 passing of Reverend Smith at the age of 85; now therefore

31 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

1 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
2 commemorates the life and accomplishments of Reverend Dr. Odell
3 Smith, Jr., and extends to his family, friends and congregation the
4 City's most sincere condolences on his passing. Pastor Smith will
5 be long and gratefully remembered by all who had the privilege to
6 know him.

7 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
8 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
9 without the Mayor's signature.

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11 Form Approved:

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13 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

14 Office of General Counsel

15 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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