

1 Introduced by Council Member Morgan & Co-Sponsored by Council Members
2 Pittman, Hazouri, Priestly Jackson, Diamond, Carlucci, Becton, Wilson
3 & Salem:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2020-197-A**

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

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

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

26 **WHEREAS**, Pastor Smith was an inspirational figure and beloved
27 by his congregation, serving the needs of his church and the
28 surrounding community with wisdom, perseverance and strong faith; and

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 Smith,
3 Jr., and extends to his family, friends and congregation the City's
4 most sincere condolences on his passing. Pastor Smith will be long
5 and gratefully remembered by all who had the privilege to know him.

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

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10 Form Approved:

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12 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

13 Office of General Counsel

14 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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