

House Resolution No. 3672

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has wholeheartedly dedicated his life in service to the Lord; and

Whereas, the Reverend Gene H. Williams, a treasured resident of St. Louis, Missouri, will officially retire from his role as Pastor of the Murchinson Tabernacle Church on August 18, 2004, after a rewarding career in the ministry that has spanned an incredible forty years; and

Whereas, Pastor Williams has played an integral role in the spiritual development of his flock at Murchinson Tabernacle Church for the past eighteen years, prior to which time he served the congregations of Scruggs Memorial CME Church from 1984 to 1986, Miles Memorial from 1976 to 1984, Central CME Church from 1973 to 1976, Carter Chapel from 1970 to 1973, and Coleman Temple from 1964 to 1970; and

Whereas, a teacher, preacher, and evangelist who has ministered to congregations in England, Haiti, Holland, and Africa, Pastor Williams utilized his skills in construction to build the Coleman Temple, Miles Memorial, Bebee Memorial, St. Paul CME Church, and Edwards Wynn Church; and

Whereas, born June 17, 1930, Pastor Williams received his education at the University of Michigan, the University of Langston, Oklahoma School of Religion, Howard University, and Miller University, from which he earned his Master of Divinity Degree; and

Whereas, Pastor Williams is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with such important organizations as the Senior Olympics and the Interfaith Partnership of Metropolitan St. Louis, just to name a few; and

Whereas, Pastor Williams has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Cora M. Harrold Williams; and his nine children, all of whom are active in the church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Pastor Williams for his forty years of unparalleled service to Murchinson Tabernacle Church and to the Christian mission, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend Gene H. Williams, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Esther Haywood
District No. 71

Representative Juanita Head Walton
District No. 81

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 3672, adopted July 20, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker