

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**A RESOLUTION** honoring the Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., a theologian, pastor, civic leader, and activist.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18464**, April 1, 2014

**INTRODUCED BY** James D. Tindall, Theresa Garza Ruiz, Crystal Williams, Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater, Greg Grounds, and Bob Spence, County Legislators

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., will be the featured speaker on “Civil Rights Reflections” at the Seventh Annual Urban Summit, on April 4, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Moss is one of America’s most influential religious leaders and civic activist with a history of leading the fight for racial equality; and,

WHEREAS, in 1971, Rev. Moss served as co-pastor with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Sr., at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA; and,

WHEREAS, in February 2009, Rev. Moss was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve on a newly established 25-member White House Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Moss earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College where he serves on the board of trustees; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Moss earned a Masters of Divinity from the Morehouse School of Religion/Interdenominational Theological Center and a Doctorate of Divinity degree from the United Theological Seminary; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Moss has received numerous honors and awards including the Candle in Religion Award from Morehouse College, the Role Model of the Year Award from the National Institute for Responsible Fatherhood and Family Development, a Leadership Award from the American Jewish Committee, the Human Relations Award from Bethune-Cookman University, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Cleveland Clinic; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Moss is the pastor emeritus of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, Rev. Moss and his wife Edwina have three children; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby honors and expresses its gratitude to the Reverend Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., for his dedicated service to the community.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Chief Deputy County Counselor

  
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 18464 of April 1, 2014, was duly passed on April 1, 2014 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

4-1-14  
Date

  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature