

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating Isaac Newton Farris, Jr., the nephew of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on being named the president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

RESOLUTION #17760, December 6, 2011

INTRODUCED BY James D. Tindall, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Isaac Newton Farris, Jr., the nephew of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was named president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and,

WHEREAS, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was founded by Dr. King in 1957 as a civil rights organization dedicated to nonviolent protests against racism, poverty, and war; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Farris was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and attended his uncle's alma mater, Morehouse College, majoring in political science; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Farris comes to this position after years of working on political and social justice issues; and,

WHEREAS, in 1984, Mr. Farris was the Georgia field coordinator for the Walter Mondale presidential campaign and he later served as the deputy campaign manager for the re-election of Andrew Young as Mayor of Atlanta; and,

WHEREAS, in 1986, Mr. Farris was the campaign manager for Martin Luther King III's successful bid for election as a Fulton County Georgia Commissioner; and,

WHEREAS, from 1992 to 1996, Mr. Farris served as the president and chief executive officer of Clean Air Industries, Inc., an environmental services company; and,

WHEREAS, in 1996 Mr. Farris was appointed chief operating officer of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center and in 2005 he was appointed president and chief executive officer of the King Center; and,

WHEREAS, in his public role, Mr. Farris has frequently participated in programs and commentaries in the national media on topics related to equal rights and justice; now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby congratulates Isaac Newton Farris, Jr., on being named the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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 #17760 of December 6, 2011 was duly passed on December 6, 2011 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

12/6/11
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature