

HONORING AND COMMENDING COUNCILMAN KENNETH I. STOKES FOR
HIS MANY YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE
JACKSON CITY COUNCIL AND TO THE CITIZENS OF JACKSON.

WHEREAS, on tonight, the Jackson City Council pause to commend Councilman Kenneth I. Stokes for his perseverance, inspiration, and for his uncompromising dedication to the citizens of Jackson during his many years of service; and

WHEREAS, for more than twenty years, Councilman Kenneth Stokes has been a tireless activist, both in his private pursuits and in his long and distinguished career in public service; and

WHEREAS, the longest serving African American in Jackson City Government, Councilman Stokes was first elected to the Jackson City Council in 1989; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as City Councilman, Councilman Stokes, along with his long-time assistant Ethel Mangum, coordinated the City's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration and parade, provided educational field trips for many of the City's youth, worked to pave streets and resolve drainage issues in the Ward 3 community, and was instrumental in the renaming of numerous streets, bridges, and parks in honor of outstanding members of the community; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2011, Councilman Stokes was elected to the Hinds County Board of Supervisors where he will serve the constituents of District 5 with dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Jackson City Council pause to salute Councilman Stokes on his unwavering dedication throughout his many years of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson City Council do hereby honor and commend Councilman Kenneth I. Stokes for his service to the City of Jackson and wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors.

DONE this the 27th day of December, 2011.